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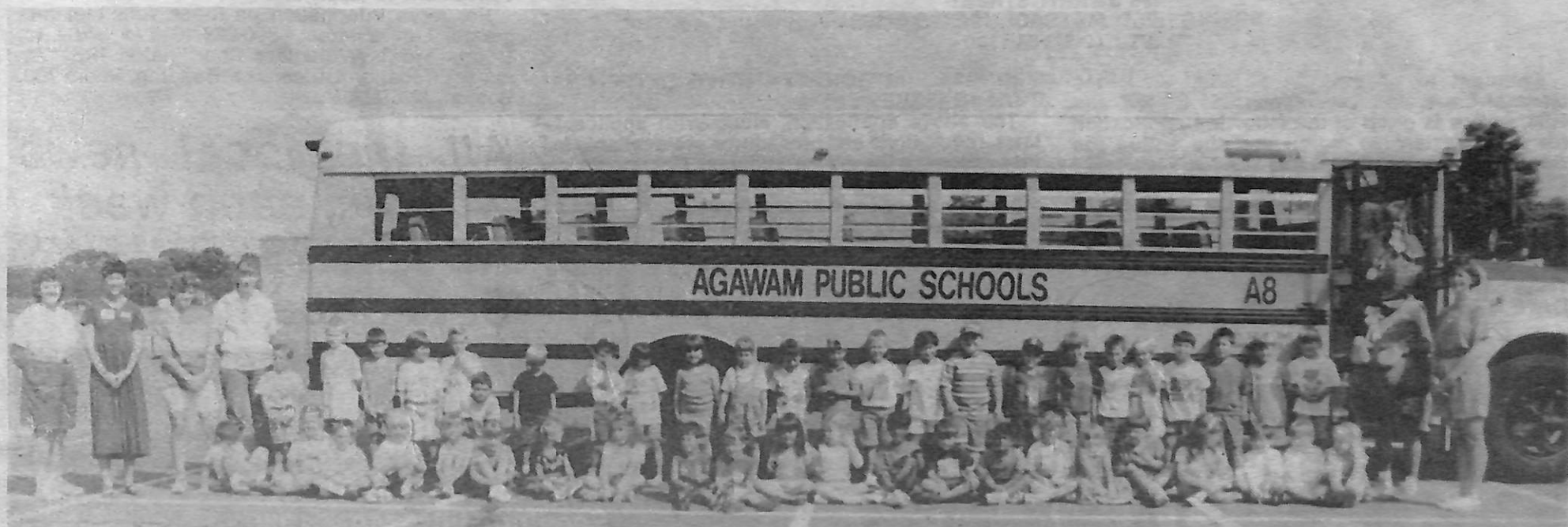
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August 29, 1996

SCHOOL OPENS SEPT. 4TH



FIRST-TIME SCHOOL BUS RIDERS were treated to a romp around the Agawam High parking lot on Tuesday, August 20th with bus driver Terry Gallerani and the Junior Women Club's famous Safety Bug.
Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Ameruoso Settling Into New Job As School Superintendent

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

He's spent the better part of his adult life living and working in the Pittsburgh area, but Agawam's new school superintendent is beginning to feel at home after two weeks on the job.

It won't be long before a Massachusetts license plate replaces the Pennsylvania tag parked in front of the superintendent's office. But, the message will likely be the same: "DOC SUPT."

Originally from New York City, Dr. Frank A. Ameruoso said the death of his wife, coupled with his daughter's move to Westboro, prompted his decision to relocate to Western Massachusetts.

A cruise around the internet resulted in 25 pages of information on the Agawam Public Schools and Ameruoso's decision to apply for the job. Later, he accepted the School Committee's offer of a three-year contract.

Ameruoso said it was time for him to take on the challenge of taking the school system into the 21st century.

Opportunity Of A Lifetime

"This is the opportunity of my lifetime," Ameruoso said. "I'm hoping this will be the culmination of my career, taking the successes I've had in other school systems and putting it all together. I would like this to be the last job I hold. I'm not looking beyond this."

Ameruoso said he expects to spend the first days of the school year visiting the school buildings and making his presence known to the students and staff as a leader working toward bringing the school system forward under the motto: "Strive for Excellence."

SEE AMERUOSO - Page 2...

It Was A Cool, Cool Summer



THE COOL SUMMER STAFF of the Perry Lane Park Summer Camp concluded a successful 1996 summer season on Friday, August 23rd. The group will now go their separate ways until many of them gather together again for the summer of 1997. The town's summer camp ran for eight weeks and included a penny carnival, Lions Club picnic, and several field trips. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AMERUOSO - from Page 1...

"I think we have the wherewithal to accomplish that," Ameruso said.

By December, Ameruso expects to present the School Committee with both short- and long-term goals for the school district and with suggested strategies for achieving those goals.

"I intend to steer the ship and give myself enough time to appreciate what's here and what's not here," Ameruso said.

Slated for immediate attention are improving educational opportunities for the students by providing more formalized professional development for the teachers. He is seeking to implement the technology plan to bring the schools to state-of-the-art level in computers and software by the end of the school year.

"The Mayor and the City Council have provided the money and I've already started buying," Ameruso said.

Aware that some parents and city councilors have called for a curriculum audit of the schools in the wake of low scores on state assessment testing in 1994, Ameruso said an audit would be unlikely to produce any useful information until after the curriculum frameworks mandated by Education Reform Act of 1993 have been im-

plemented.

More Appropriate in Two Or Three Years

"We're changing the curriculum and the delivery of the curriculum to match the state's frameworks," Ameruso said. "An audit would be more appropriate two or three years from now. What's an audit going to tell us now that we don't already know?"

Ameruso said he would recommend to the School Committee the creation of a full-time director of Curriculum Development and Delivery. This person would oversee both curriculum development and professional development for the teachers.

"When the testing under Education Reform begins next year, our kids will be a lot more ready than they were two years ago," Ameruso said.

Ameruso holds a doctorate and a post-doctorate degree from the University of Pittsburgh in addition to two master's degrees from Duquesnes University.

For the last six years, he has been the superintendent of the California, Pennsylvania school district. He was the superintendent in Carlynton for four years, and superintendent in St. Clair for one year. He was the director of curriculum and instruction in the Deer Lakes School District and served as an adjunct professor at Penn State University for 10 years.

IRS Is Looking For Tax Volunteers

When deciding where to donate one's time, the Internal Revenue Service might be the last agency that springs to mind. However, that is exactly where more than 2,200 New Englanders placed their valuable volunteer services last year.

These volunteers helped to prepare basic tax returns for those with special needs, low-income taxpayers who cannot afford paid professional tax help, senior citizens, people with disabilities, and for those who have difficulty understanding the English language.

Tax volunteers apply their skills in either of two IRS programs:

- Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) volunteers are trained specifically in issues that affect elder taxpayers, such as the Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled and the taxability of social security benefits.

- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers are trained in special credits and deductions, such as the Child Care Credit, Earned Income Tax Credit, as well as deductions for medical and dental expenses.

Once the free IRS training has been completed, volunteers are able to prepare basic tax returns and answer simple questions. The TCE sites are usually at Senior Centers and Councils on Aging, while VITA sites are generally at schools, churches, libraries, and other neighborhood locations convenient to taxpayers.

For more information on these volunteer programs, call toll-free 1-800-829-1040 or write to: Norma Morris, Volunteer Coordinator, IRS Taxpayer Education Office, JFK Building, Room 760, Boston, MA 02203.

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436 DWIGHT STREET
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Pursuant to Chapter 21, Section 43 of the General Laws, and Regulations 314 CMR 7 and 2.06, notice is given of the following application for sewer extension permit and the action the Department proposes to take:
CITY/TOWN OF: AGAWAM
PROJECT NAME: BARDEN STREET EXTENSION
APPLICANT: JOSEPH SCHLAFFER
LOCATION: BARDEN STREET
PURPOSE: SEWER EXTENSION
TRANSMITTAL NO: 46274
DATE OF PRINTING: AUGUST 22, 1996

PROPOSED ACTION: TENTATIVE DETERMINATION TO ISSUE

The above application, along with applicable laws, regulations and procedures are available for inspection at the above address. Comments on the proposed action or a request for a public hearing on the proposed action must be received at the above DEP address within 30 days of this notice.

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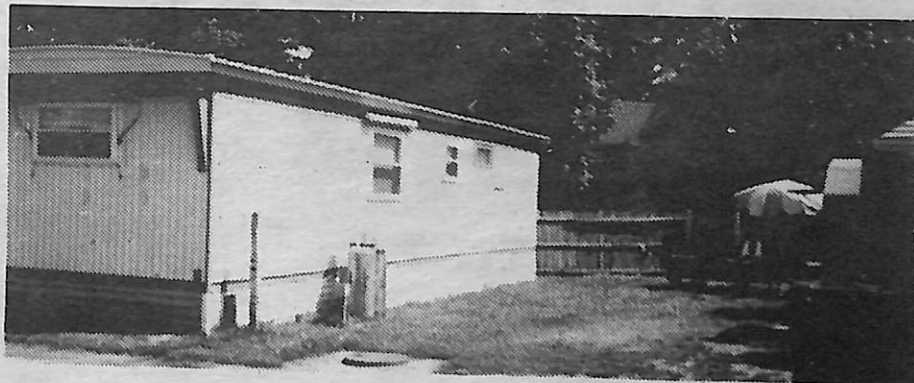
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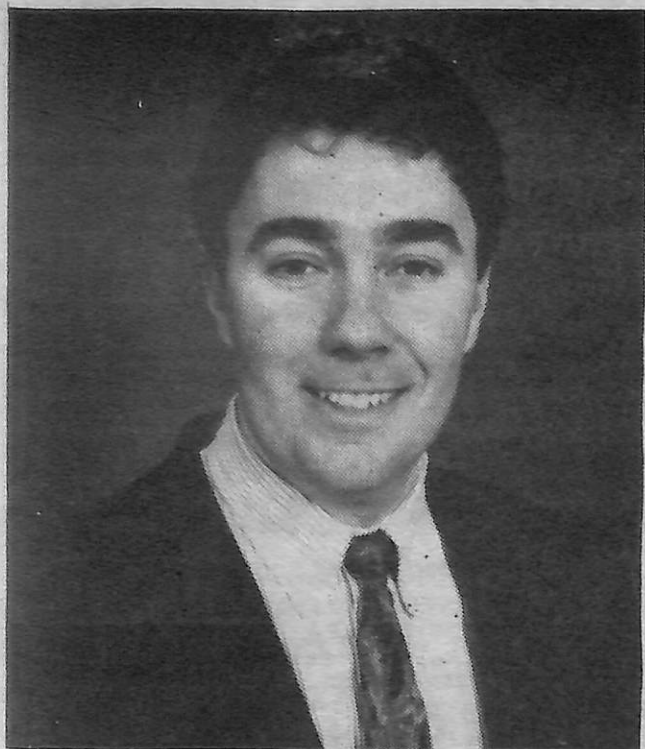
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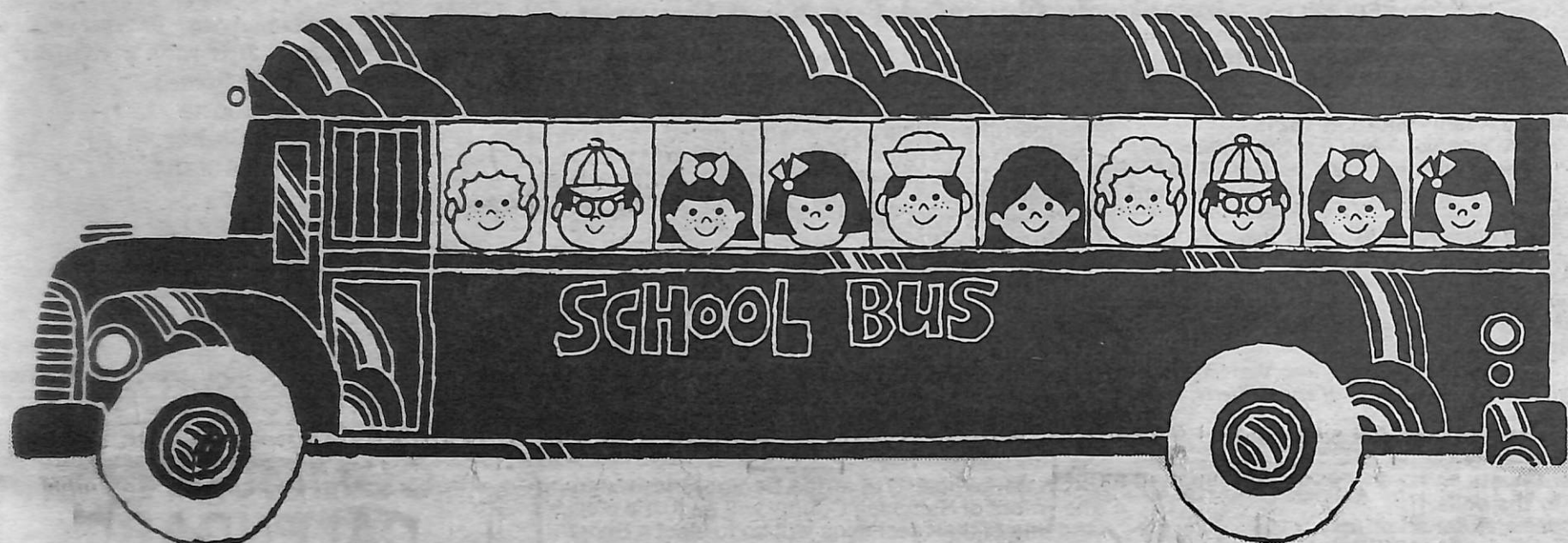
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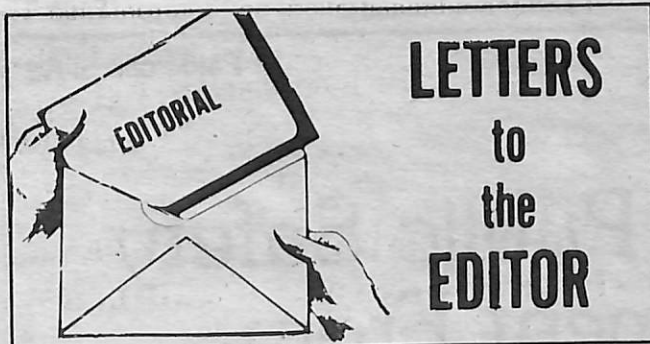


An Important Public Safety
Announcement From
State Representative
Dan Keenan



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Kasparian Urges Residents To Vote For All Elected Offices

To The Editor:

Over the last few months, I have been writing to the papers and sharing other letters I've written in an attempt to inform people of current issues concerning county government. I do this in an effort to open up our governmental processes to the people and to get more citizens interested in the actions our public officials take on our behalf.

I have found that in most cities and towns, about half of all citizens are registered to vote, and of those registered only half of them actually go out to vote in any given election. However, I found that our voting apathy does not end there; of those few who go out to vote, some do not actually cast a vote at all and others do not vote for all races that could affect the voter.

For example, in the last Democratic primary in 1992, of the 114,000 people in Hampden County who went to vote, 39 percent did not cast a vote for any candidate running for Hampden County Commissioner. The people who go out to vote but do not cast a vote for a particular office are labeled "blankers" by the state election pollers.

John Quincy Adams wrote in 1821:

"Let us not be unmindful that liberty is power, that the nation blessed with the largest portion of liberty must in proportion to its numbers be the most powerful nation upon earth."

"Our Constitution professedly rests upon the good sense and attachment of the people. This basis, weak as it may appear, has not yet been found to fail."

"Always vote for a principle, though you vote alone, and you may cherish the sweet reflection that your vote is never lost."

"America, in the assembly of nations, has uniformly spoken among them the language of equal liberty, equal justice, and equal rights."

Please, in this coming election season:

Become informed.

Register to vote.

Go out to the polls.

Cast your votes for all offices.

DO NOT BE A "BLANKER." Your vote is your voice!

Vote in both the primary on September 17th and the general election on November 5th!

If I can supply any information to you on county issues, please contact me on the Internet: <http://map.com/~ak4hcc>. or call/fax me at (413) 789-4901.

Abe Kasparian

Candidate for Hampden County Commissioner

Councilor Langone Supports Kasparian

To The Editor:

With this letter, I would like to formally offer my support to the candidacy of Abraham Kasparian for the office of Hampden County Commissioner.

Mr. Kasparian is an "issues oriented" individual, who has a deep interest in county government

and an abiding concern for the voters of our region. I have gotten to know him in my capacity as a city councilor in Agawam, and am continually impressed by his involvement, his commitment to the political process, and the sincerity with which he articulates his viewpoints.

In summary, therefore, I believe that Mr. Kasparian would provide the kind of leadership as County Commissioner of which we could all be proud. He has my unqualified endorsement!

Sincerely,

Joseph F. Langone
Agawam Town Councilor

Suffriti Offers Support For Kasparian Candidacy

To The Editor:

In my capacity as a Councilor in Agawam, I have worked with Abe Kasparian on local issues and have been impressed with his ability to look at both sides of an issue and voice his views in an organized, coherent manner. Abe's total involvement in the tasks he undertakes is a measure of the type of leadership he will bring to County Government.

It is for these reasons that I give my full support to Abe Kasparian as a candidate for Hampden County Commissioner.

Sincerely,
Gary Suffriti

Agawam Town Councilor

Family Of Anthony I. Kozak Is Grateful For Kind Support

To The Editor:

The family of Anthony I. Kozak, who passed away on August 10, 1996, wishes to thank all the wonderful and kind people who offered their condolences and sympathy during our time of sorrow.

To list them all would be difficult, but we wish to especially thank the Agawam police and paramedics who answered our emergency call swiftly and efficiently, and acted in a totally caring and professional manner.

May God bless all of you.

The family of Anthony I. Kozak
Feeding Hills

Perry Will Support Kasparian For Commission

To The Editor:

On September 17th at the Democratic Primary, the voters of Hampden County will go to the polls, and one of their decisions will be to elect a Hampden County Commissioner.

I strongly urge all voters to consider Mr. Abe Kasparian for this position. During my four-year involvement in local politics, I've come to know Abe in the political arena and on a personal level. I know Abe will look at all issues that come before him as Commissioner, in a fair and unbiased manner.

He will do what is in the best interest for Hampden County. I strongly endorse Mr. Abe Kasparian for Hampden County Commissioner.

Respectfully,
Dennis J. Perry

Agawam Town Councilor

Twarkins Family Thanks All For Their Support & Prayers

To The Editor:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and prayers during the

recent death of our son, Christopher. It was comforting to see the hundreds and hundreds of friends, parents, classmates, and teachers pay their last respects.

We are especially proud of how the Agawam High School students and other young people conducted themselves during this difficult time. They were with us at the hospital the night of the accident, and many came to our home in tears simply to express their sorrow.

They sent many beautiful flower arrangements, including one in the shape of Chris's guitar, bouquets of flowers, and personal notes and cards for us.

The personal mementos and letters written to Christopher were tied with a yellow ribbon and placed by his side. Each and every teenager displayed the utmost compassion and behavior at the funeral home, church, and cemetery.

Susan, Michael, and I have a deep respect for these young men and women, and we hope that everyone realizes that there are many wonderful young people in the Town of Agawam.

Sincerely,
Robert, Susan and Michael Twarkins
Agawam

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With Love and Thanks To Eight Special "Friends"

We wish to thank you for serving as pallbearers for Chris. It is such a comfort to know he had such good friends.

Mike Leone
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Justin Aldridge
Matt Bedore
Chris Suffriti

Love,
Bob, Susan & Michael

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Tuesday, September 3rd
Agawam Lioness Club meeting
At the Lions Den, West Spfld.
7:00 p.m.
Call 786-8461 for more info.

Wednesday, September 4th
Agawam Community Artists' meeting
(featuring demonstration by local artist Donald R. Blanton)
At Captain Charles Leonard House
7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 6th
Nocturnal Adoration Society at
St. Theresa's Church, Agawam
7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 7th
Annual Tag/Craft Sale to be held
in the parking lot of Sacred
Heart Church in Feeding Hills
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
(Rain date: Sunday, September
8th, from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.)

Saturday, September 7th
2nd Annual Harvest Day Festival
on the Heritage Hall grounds, Agawam
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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CCBA President Responds To "No Thanks" Letter

To The Editor:

I would like to comment on last week's "NO THANKS" letter by a member of the CAT group. First on a personal note, I've been an acquaintance of the author for a few years, working together at the Sacred Heart Athletic Association. I've known her to be a wonderful person and always having the best interests of the children in mind.

I do, however, take exception with her characterization of our group, the CCBA, as "...the handful of loud and obnoxious people who have done a fine job in influencing the Councilors ... (and have) succeeded in leading the mission of losing millions of dollars for our town."

Losing millions of dollars for our town? I have two questions, and please, I beg someone to answer them next week.

1. How do you lose something you never had?
2. How can Berkshire Power build a power plant with seven structures over 60 feet (one of which is 170 feet), when the town zoning laws state in black and white that NO structure over 40 feet high is allowed on that site?

If someone could answer these questions for me, I would greatly appreciate it. Thanks.

Also, a little court report update.

Berkshire Power has always said they want to be a good neighbor. To that statement I ask, a good neighbor to whom?

Two weeks ago, in a courtroom in Boston, Berkshire Power tried to intimidate its future neighbors. In fact, their **closest** neighbors - the abutters to the property where Berkshire Power will never build.

You see, the abutters want to be involved in the upcoming court case. They want to be allowed to give their opinion of the Berkshire Power situation in a court of law. Isn't that their right as abutters, Agawam residents, and Americans?

Well, according to Berkshire Power, NO. That's not their right. Berkshire Power went to court in an attempt to prohibit the abutters from being allowed their opinion in the upcoming court case. Naturally, this being America, Berkshire Power lost and the abutters will be heard in court.

Berkshire Power a good neighbor?

Berkshire Power doesn't want to hear from its **closest** neighbors. It seems, according to

Berkshire Power, that the farther away you live from their proposed site, the better neighbor they will be to you.

Unfortunately, the closer you live or work to their proposed site, the more they want you silenced.

Sincerely,
Ken Forni
Agawam

Mayor Presents Agawam With Great Budget

To The Editor:

Last week, the City Council finally passed the \$43.3 million budget that the Mayor presented to us. This happened without any debate, without any objections, and without a single word from some councilors.

Some councilors even voted against having the Mayor and the Town Accountant answer questions about the budget. Fortunately, the majority voted in favor. We had some discussions about our concerns and questions were answered by the Mayor and the Town Accountant.

I was very happy to see that this was the best budget ever to pass for our town that did not call for any increases in taxes and no increases in our fees. Our town is being run by a fiscally responsible and business-like administration that has been recognized even by the strongest opponents of the Mayor.

You may like or dislike the Mayor, but as mayor of our town, he has done an excellent job preparing and presenting the budget and running our city government efficiently. I hope that we will continue to provide and improve the town services and our schools without increasing our taxes and fees.

The attraction of quality industry and business to our industrial park and other areas of our town will enable us to accomplish this. We can't afford to lose millions of dollars in taxes. We must support quality industry and business in our town.

I was pleased to see that the Mayor appropriated money, for the first time, for much needed sidewalk and street repairs. I strongly disagree with Councilor Suffriti's suggestion to raise taxes for sidewalk repairs. We do not need to raise taxes to repair the sidewalks, we already pay enough taxes.

We will do the repairs and I am glad the Mayor agreed to do so without any increase in our tax bills. We live in a very nice town and by working together, we can accomplish many good things.

We should seek cooperation between the coun-

cil and the administration, not confrontation. We will disagree on some issues, but we must respect each other's opinions and views. I hope we are able to do this at future meetings.

Sincerely,
George Bitzas
Agawam Town Councilor

We're Staying In Agawam Is Our Answer To Councilor

To The Editor:

I am happy to report that I finally have a definitive answer to the ungracious (at best) comments made to me by Town Councilor George Bitzas last year.

As I had written in a previous letter to this forum, I had discussed the then-dubious, now-unforgivable, Berkshire Power power plant scheme with Councilor Bitzas when he confronted me to sign his reelection petition. During such discussion, I had commented that the unsavory power plant issue could convince people like myself and my family to leave Agawam. Mr. Bitzas' reply was, "So leave!"

In response to that, my family and I have, finally, bought our first home in Agawam, and intend to stay put for the foreseeable future. We feel that Agawam is a town worth fighting for, and we intend to continue doing so.

As a recent writer, taking exception to my criticism of town government, had put it, this is a great community, even if its government desperately needs to be changed. Such change, in form and persons currently in office, can be accomplished, and the destructive direction in which our town "leaders" are careening can be turned around. If we did not feel that this can be done, by all the good people of our town, then we would not have decided to stay.

Such recent writer also called me a troublemaker. If asking questions and stating concerns about town government, or lack thereof, is making trouble, then so be it. Now, I will have ample, continuing opportunity to observe and comment on the behavior and decisions of our elected officials. I, and my family, hope that in the future there will be more to praise and less to condemn.

Agawam's greatest asset is its people, and the Keenan family is happy to remain a part of this community.

Sincerely,
Rob Keenan
Agawam

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Rep. Keenan Cites Legislature's Criminal Justice Initiatives

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan has praised the Legislature's accomplishments in addressing crime and punishment during this past legislative session.

Several major pieces of legislation have become law, including the establishment of a Sex Offender Registry; increased penalties for firearms offenses; a stricter and more inclusive Hate Crimes Law; a comprehensive rewrite of juvenile court proceedings and penalties; the creation of penalties for elder abuse and neglect; and the establishment of penalties for fraud and theft of telecommunications services.

"I am pleased with the significant victories of the Legislature for the 1995-1996 session," said Rep. Keenan. "These new laws help to create a more efficient and equitable criminal justice system. The safety of our citizens and the just punishment of criminals are among the Legislature's primary concerns, and laws such as the Sex Offender Registry and the Juvenile Justice Law are significant in making our communities a more pleasant place to live. These laws also send a clear message to criminals and would-be criminals that behavior such as theirs will not be tolerated."

LEGAL NOTICE

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, SEPT. 12, 1996, at 6:30 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of DAVID MICHALAK who is seeking a SPECIAL PERMIT in accordance with Section 180-7, Paragraph B of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of an addition at the premises identified as 127 JAMES STREET.

Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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Regular Council Meeting Agenda For Tuesday, Sept. 3rd

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 8/5/96; Minutes - Special Council Meeting of 8/19/96
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances
 - (a) Resolutions
 1. TR-96-18-Resolution to File Special Legislation to Amend the Agawam Home Rule Charter to Reduce the Number of Councilors from Eleven (11) to Seven (7) Subject to Approval by the Voters (Mayor)(Charter Object on 8/5/96 by Coun. Caba).
 2. TR-96-24-Resolution Establishing a No Parking Zone on Springfield Street and Annable Street (Mayor).
 3. TR-96-25-Resolution Authorizing the Posting of the Warrant for the State Preliminary Election September 17, 1996 and the Presidential Election of November 5, 1996 by the Board of Registrars (Mayor).
 - (b) Petitions
 1. PE-96-4-Group Petition, Art. 8, Sec. 8-1(b) (Charter Review Commission)(Pres. Thompson) (Set Public Hearing Date - Suggest 10/7/96).
7. Report of Council Committees
8. Elections
 - None.
9. Public Hearings
 - (a)
 1. PH-96-4-(PE-96-2)-Group Pet., Art. 8, Sec. 8-1(b)(Determining if the mis-use of public funds has been allowed by the council and by the administration)(Coun. Langone, Ennis, Servis, Perry, Caba)(Continue Public Hearing).
10. Old Business
 - None.
11. New Business
 - (a)
 1. TOR-96-7-An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 49, Sec. 7C(8) of the Code of the Town of Agawam (Pres. Thompson, Coun. Langone, & Caba).

Agawam Police Dept. ARREST BLOTTER

On August 19, 1996, Ronald Welch of River Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding warrant.

On August 19, 1996, Dennis Robare, Jr. of 77 High Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding warrant.

On August 20, 1996, Angela Rodriguez of 33 Norman Terrace, Agawam, was arrested and charged with domestic assault & battery.

On August 20, 1996, Matthew Harrington of Sterling Road, Agawam, was arrested and charged with possession of a class "D" substance and cultivation of a class "D" substance.

On August 20, 1996, Paul Edwards of 18 Deer Run Road, Agawam, was arrested and charged with domestic assault & battery.

On August 21, 1996, Nico Carabetta of Beldon Court Apartments, Silver Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding warrant.

On August 22, 1996, Warren Stone of 32 Yale Avenue, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with operating after suspension and several outstanding warrants.

On August 23, 1996, Alexys Medero of 33 Norman Terrace, Agawam, was arrested and charged with domestic assault & battery.

On August 24, 1996, Charles Hutchinson of 58 Central Street, Turners Falls, MA, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol.

On August 25, 1996, Joseph Bisenari of 65 Hanover Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with two outstanding warrants.

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Town Of Agawam Fiscal Year 1997 Budget (Adopted August 19, 1996)

DEPARTMENT	Personnel Services	Purchased Services	Supplies	Capital Outlay	TOTAL
GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET					
Council	\$39,900	\$5,025	\$350	\$0	\$45,275
Mayor	\$180,910	\$103,900	\$0	\$0	\$284,810
Law Department	\$41,500	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$81,500
Auditor	\$92,906	\$750	\$0	\$0	\$93,656
Clerk/Elections	\$134,896	\$1,125	\$0	\$0	\$136,021
Assessor	\$134,267	\$74,160	\$0	\$0	\$208,427
Data Processing	\$77,530	\$525	\$0	\$0	\$78,055
Treasurer/Collector	\$187,697	\$23,114	\$0	\$0	\$210,811
Police Department	\$2,393,061	\$35,275	\$9,400	\$84,105	\$2,521,841
Fire Department	\$2,145,364	\$64,976	\$24,000	\$93,000	\$2,327,340
Inspection Services	\$186,136	\$740	\$1,150	\$0	\$188,026
Health Department	\$264,859	\$3,975	\$2,300	\$0	\$271,134
Community Development	\$88,618	\$750	\$0	\$0	\$89,368
Library	\$432,229	\$28,470	\$86,000	\$7,330	\$554,029
Parks & Recreation	\$143,765	\$8,930	\$2,400	\$20,000	\$175,095
Council on Aging	\$205,201	\$56,850	\$2,750	\$0	\$264,801
DPW Administration	\$75,173	\$100	\$50	\$0	\$75,323
Highway & Grounds	\$712,226	\$131,200	\$272,690	\$80,000	\$1,196,116
Motor Vehicle Maintenance	\$121,256	\$27,890	\$201,500	\$16,950	\$367,596
Engineering	\$114,527	\$9,995	\$3,385	\$14,400	\$142,307
Building Maintenance	\$1,212,953	\$837,535	\$92,350	\$14,950	\$2,157,788
Agawam Public Schools					\$18,830,783
Line Items					\$6,576,970
TOTAL - GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET					\$36,877,072
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET					
					\$1,200,000
SELF SUSTAINING DEPTS					
Wastewater	\$334,490	\$1,715,566	\$35,060	\$31,746	\$2,116,862
Water	\$477,555	\$882,466	\$185,845	\$26,445	\$1,572,311
Golf Course	\$231,052	\$289,148	\$127,700	\$55,850	\$703,750
TOTAL - SELF SUSTAINING DEPTS					\$4,392,923
TOTAL - ALL DEPARTMENTS					\$42,469,995

State Rep. Keenan Schedules Office Hours In Agawam

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan will hold office hours on Wednesday, September 4th, and on Wednesday, September 11th, between 10:30 and 11:45 a.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam.

Members of the public are invited to attend to express their comments and concerns on issues facing the district and the state.

Representative Keenan may also be reached at his district office at 549 Springfield Street in Agawam or at the State House in Boston. His district phone number is 786-4545.

Representative Keenan welcomes the opportunity to meet and hear from his constituents.

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, SEPT. 5, 1996 at 6:30 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of TGE AGAWAM, a Limited Liability Corporation with principal address at 99 Prim Road, Colchester, VT, which is seeking a SPECIAL USE PERMIT in accordance with Section 180-11 of the Zoning Ordinances, in order to construct an Assisted Living Facility for care of residents with Alzheimer's Disease, at the premises identified as CARDINAL DRIVE (Quail Run Project).

Ronald Hebert, Chairman

Published: August 29, 1996

We will be closed on Labor Day. Our office will reopen on Tuesday, Sept. 3rd at 6:30 a.m. Thanks.

FireWise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano

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The Agawam Fire Department reminds you to rid your home or workplace of rubbish, trash, old newspapers, worn-out clothes, and cardboard boxes. Take the trash outside for temporary storage, staged for removal and away from heat sources.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

LEGAL NOTICE

A Design Public Hearing will be held by the Massachusetts Highway Department to discuss the proposed construction of the Connecticut River Walk and Bikeway project in Agawam and Springfield, MA.

WHERE: Municipal Office Building, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, Third Floor Conference Room, 26 Central Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

WHEN: Wednesday, September 11, 1996 at 7:00 p.m.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed bikeway construction project. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of constructing a bikeway in the Town of Agawam and the City of Springfield. Project features include a bridge over railroad, traffic signal and ancillary items such as fencing, walls, benches, landscaping, and vehicular parking areas. A secure Right of Way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Town of

Agawam and the City of Springfield are responsible for acquiring all necessary rights in private or public lands. The Department's policy regarding land acquisitions will be discussed at the hearing. Written views received by the Department subsequent to the date of this notice and up to five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing shall be displayed for public inspection and copying at the time and date listed above.

Written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to, oral statements made at the Public Hearing regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Thomas F. Broderick, P.E., Chief Engineer, Massachusetts Highway Department, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116. Such submissions will also be accepted at the hearing. The final date of receipt of these statements and exhibits will be ten (10) days after this Public Hearing.

Plans will be on display one half hour before the hearing begins, with an engineer in attendance to answer questions regarding this project.

KEVIN J. SULLIVAN
COMMISSIONER
THOMAS F. BRODERICK, P.E.
CHIEF ENGINEER
Boston, Massachusetts

Published: August 29, 1996

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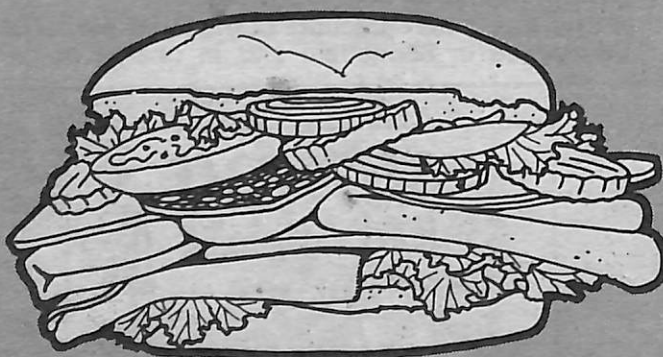
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Agawam Obituaries

Dennis Chapdelaine

Dennis Roland Chapdelaine, 59, of 14 Lux Avenue, Easthampton, an area organist, carillonneur and choir director, died at Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton.

He taught at the former Cranwell School in Lenox, and in the Agawam schools.

He was a music teacher in the Enfield public schools, and taught at John F. Kennedy High School there.

He was in his 30th year of teaching at the time of his death.

Born in Easthampton, he attended Sacred Heart School and St. Michael's School. He was a graduate of Boston University, with a bachelor's degree, and a graduate of Westminster College.

He received two master's degrees, one in music from the Hartt School of Music in Hartford, and one in computer technology from Nova in Fort Lauderdale. He was recently studying for a doctorate at Nova.

He was the first organist for the Springfield Catholic Diocese's "Chalice of Salvation" television program, and worked with the Rev. Fidelis Rice.

He was the choral director and organist at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Northampton for 20 years. He was a carillonneur at Westfield's Stanley Park for 44 years.

He belonged to the American Guild of Organists, the Connecticut Education Association, and the Enfield Teachers Association. He also was a volunteer for the Salvation Army and the LaBre Indian School in the Southwest.

He leaves his wife, the former Katherine A. McKenna; four daughters, Annemarie C. Chapdelaine, Krista A. Chapdelaine, Jeanne-Denise Chapdelaine, and Lauren E. Chapdelaine of Easthampton, and nephews and nieces.

The funeral was at O'Brien Funeral Home, with a service in the church, and the burial in St. Stanislaus's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm St., Suite 9a, West Springfield, or the American Cancer Society, 383 Dwight St., Holyoke, 01040.

Ida Binnenkade

Ida (Strom) Person Binnenkade, 86, formerly of Village Gate, Framingham, died Monday, August 19, 1996 at the Masonic Home & Hospital. She was the widow of Carl A. Person and Daniel C. Binnenkade.

Born in New Britain, she was the daughter of the late Gottfred and Anna (Leckstrom) Strom. She was a former Newington, CT, Venice, FL, and Agawam, MA, resident before moving to Farmington.

She was a former member of Trinity Methodist Church, New Britain, and a former member of Agawam Congregational Church, Agawam, where she was a member of the Ladies Aid and where she formerly served as secretary and treasurer of the Friendly Workers.

Ida was a member and Past Matron of Martha Chapter No. 21, O.E.S.; a member of the Past Matrons and Patrons Association; a Past Mother Advisor, Rainbow Assembly No. 6; a past Girl Scout Leader at Trinity Methodist Church; and a past secretary, Rubees Association, O.E.S.

Surviving are a daughter, Maxine Nyser and her husband, Donald of Burlington; a grandson, Robert Doerr; two granddaughters, Sandra Doerr and Cheryl Gochez; four great-grandsons, and a great-granddaughter.

Funeral services were held at Erickson-Hansen Funeral Home, 411 South Main Street, New Britain. Burial was held in Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Shriners Hospital, c/o Sphinx Temple, P.O. Box 310-157, Newington, CT 06131-0157.

Dolores V. Morassi

Dolores V. (Mercolino) Morassi, 79, of 40 An-nable St., Agawam, a 17-year inspector at the former Buxton Leather Co., died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She retired in 1982. She also worked at the old JC Penney Department Store in Springfield for many years. Born in Springfield, she lived here for 59 years. She was a communicant of the Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills, and a member of its Altar Society. She also was a member of the Rosary Altar Society for 50 years, and was in Golden Agers Chapter II and the Nocturnal Adoration Society.

Her husband, Frank A. Morassi, died in 1973. She leaves a son, Frank J. of Agawam; three daughters, Barbara M. Chase of Feeding Hills, Elizabeth R. Conroy of Knoxville, Tennessee, and Joanne R. Carey of South Hadley; a sister, Josephine Parent of Springfield, 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren, and her friend, Bill Lawor of Feeding Hills.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery, both in Feeding Hills.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church kitchen fund at 1103 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, 01030.

Elizabeth E. Pond

Elizabeth E. (Baker) Pond, 94, of Hadley, an Agawam High School teacher, died August 16th at a local nursing home.

She was the first girls' basketball coach at AHS, and also coached girls' hockey.

She was a floor supervisor at the former Forbes & Wallace Department Store in Springfield, a secretary for Pond Insurance Co., and taught at the Springfield Business Institute.

She was a driver for the Red Cross Motor Corps in World War II.

Born in Springfield, Vermont, she moved to Contoocook, New Hampshire, and was a graduate of Indianapolis High School. She was a 1924 graduate of the University of New Hampshire, and a longtime Agawam resident.

She was a former president of the Agawam Women's Club, and an original trustee of Capt. Charles Leonard House in Agawam.

Her husband, Ralph D. Pond, and a grandson, John Lynn, Jr., predeceased her.

She leaves three daughters, Nancy Hastings of Amherst, Mary Lynn of Fort Washington, Maryland, and Shirley Tower of Sunderland; a sister, Florence Hanson of Wilmington, Vermont; 11 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Agawam Curran Jones Funeral Home, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main St., Agawam, 01001.

Ethel Baudin

Ethel "Betty" (Miller) Baudin of 339 Richland Road, Lehigh Acres, Florida, retired 23-year employee at the Torrington, CT city hall, died at home. She retired in 1981.

Born in Brooklyn, NY, she lived in Springfield, MA, until 1946 and then in Westfield, MA, from 1946 until 1955. She then moved to Torrington and later to Florida in 1990.

She was a 1931 graduate of the High School of Commerce in Springfield and in charge of the

United Service Organization (USO) hostesses during World War II.

Her husband, Elias A. Baudin, died in 1958. She leaves a son, James A. of Austin, Texas; two daughters, Carole A. Miller of Agawam and Anne L. Fielding of Vernon, CT; five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home and in St. John the Evangelist Church, both in Agawam, with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104, or to the Jimmy Fund, Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 44 Binney Street, Boston, MA 02115-6060.

Joanne S. Spaderna

Joanne S. (Uzdovinis) Spaderna, 47, of Portland, Oregon, died on August 15th in St. Vincent Hospital after a long illness.

She was the children's librarian at the Tanasbourne Branch Library in Hillsboro, and ran weekly story readings for children. She was formerly the assistant library director at the Fountain Valley School in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and the school librarian at John F. Kennedy Junior High School in Enfield, Connecticut.

Born in Whatley, Mass., she received a bachelor of arts degree in English literature from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and a master's degree in library science from Simmons College in Boston. She lived in West Springfield and Agawam and moved west in 1980.

She was a voluntary storyteller in the local schools, taught Sunday school at the Holy Trinity Church, and acted in repertory.

She leaves her husband, Dieter Spaderna, and two daughters, Sally Spaderna and Jillian Spaderna, at home; a brother, Norman of Sacramento, California, and a sister, Ruth Burke of East Longmeadow.

A memorial Mass was conducted in St. Pius X Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 4613, Portland, Oregon 97208, or any other charity.

Georgia Randall

Georgia (Anastos) Randall, 76, of Feeding Hills died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. Born in Springfield, she moved here in 1952.

She worshipped at St. George's Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Springfield, and was in its Philoptothos Society. She leaves her husband, James F. Randall; three sons, Christopher J. of Cove City, North Carolina, Gary S. of Boise, Idaho, and Paul M. of Loveland, Ohio; a daughter, April Bellucci of Chicopee; a brother, William of Springfield; two sisters, Efthemia ("Effie") Fraggias of Seattle, Washington, and Adriana ("Ann") Johnson of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and seven grandchildren. Another son, James M., died earlier.

The funeral was in the cathedral, with burial at Oak Grove Cemetery in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the cathedral at 8 Plainfield St., Springfield, 01104, or the Western Massachusetts Kidney Center, 2000 Main St., Springfield, 01102.

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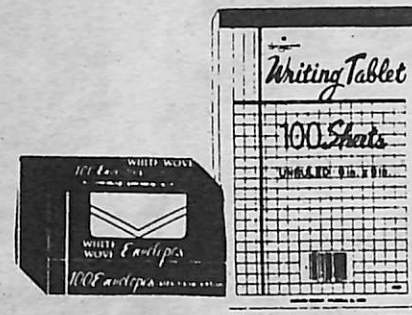
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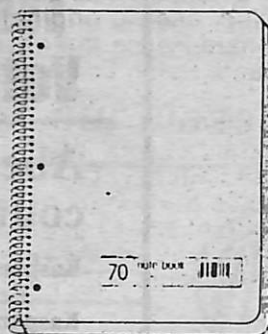
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RIVERSIDE PARK OWNER AND OPERATOR EDWARD CARROLL, JR. (standing, left) and legal counsel William Carroll and employees Matt Normand and Nathan Wistran were on hand to welcome those who attended "Family Night" on August 19th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE LEFEBVRE FAMILY attended "Family Night" at Riverside Park on Monday, August 19th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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- Active in Agawam & Hampden County political affairs. Past Chair of Agawam Industrial Development Authority. Hon. Hampden County Deputy Sheriff, Notary Public. Former Corporate Director, WESTMASS Area Development Corp. Member, Agawam Democratic Town Committee.

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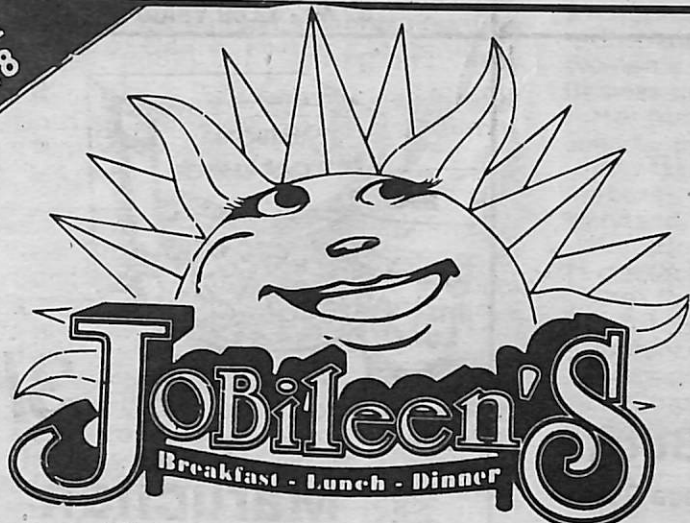
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Tuesday, September 3rd: 9:00 a.m., SHINE representative available for consultation on health insurance (by appointment); 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Fall class registration; 1:00 p.m., Free blood pressure check (no appointment needed); 1:00 p.m., Movie of the week.

Wednesday, September 4th: 9:00 a.m., Podiatry with Dr. Dickert (by appointment); 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Fall class registration; 10:30 to 11:45 a.m., State Representative Dan Keenan on board for casual conversation; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers' meeting (Chapter II).

Thursday, September 5th: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Fall class registration.

Friday, September 6th: 9:00 a.m., Free diabetic screening (no appointment needed); 11:00 a.m., Cape Cod Festival Trip (departure time 11:00 a.m.).

Saturday, September 7th: 5:30 p.m., Bingo.

Monday, September 9th: All classes begin on this day; 1:00 p.m., Bingo.

Tuesday, September 10th: 11:30 a.m., Birthdays and anniversaries celebrated (by reservation); 1:00 p.m., Movie of the week.

Wednesday, September 11th: 10:30 to 11:45 a.m., State Representative Dan Keenan on board for casual conversation; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers' meeting (Chapter I).

Thursday, September 12th: 9:00 a.m., Podiatry with Dr. Salem (by appointment).

Friday, September 13th: The Big "E" opens.

Saturday, September 14th: 5:30 p.m., Bingo.

Monday, September 16th: 1:00 p.m., Bingo.

Tuesday, September 17th: 9:00 a.m., SHINE representative available (by appointment); 9:00 a.m., Minibus departs for the Big "E" (by reservation only); 1:00 p.m., Movie of the week; 1:00 p.m., Free blood pressure check.

Wednesday, September 18th: 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers' meeting (Chapter II).

Thursday, September 19th: 9:00 a.m., Minibus departs for the Big "E" (by reservation only).

Saturday, September 21st: 5:30 p.m., Bingo.

Monday, September 23rd: 9:30 a.m., Weldon Center Free Hearing Clinic (by appointment — 786-0400, ext. 242); 1:00 p.m., Agawam/Feeding Hills Chapter AARP Meeting (new members welcome).

Tuesday, September 24th: 1:00 p.m., Movie of the week.

Wednesday, September 25th: 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers' meeting (Chapter I); "Agawam Day" at the Big "E."

Saturday, September 28th: 5:30 p.m., Bingo.

ONGOING CLASS SCHEDULE - '96

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Mondays: 10:00 a.m., Sing For Fun; 1:00 p.m., Bingo.

Tuesdays: 9:00 a.m., Physical Fitness; 9:30 a.m., Knitting and Crochet; 9:30 a.m., Sewing; 12:30 p.m., Ladies' Pool; 12:30 p.m., "Movie Of The Week" on the giant screen; 1:00 p.m., Computer Class; 2:00 p.m., Open Art Studio (Diversified Painting).

Wednesdays: 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers' Meeting (Chapter I and Chapter II on alternate Wednesdays).

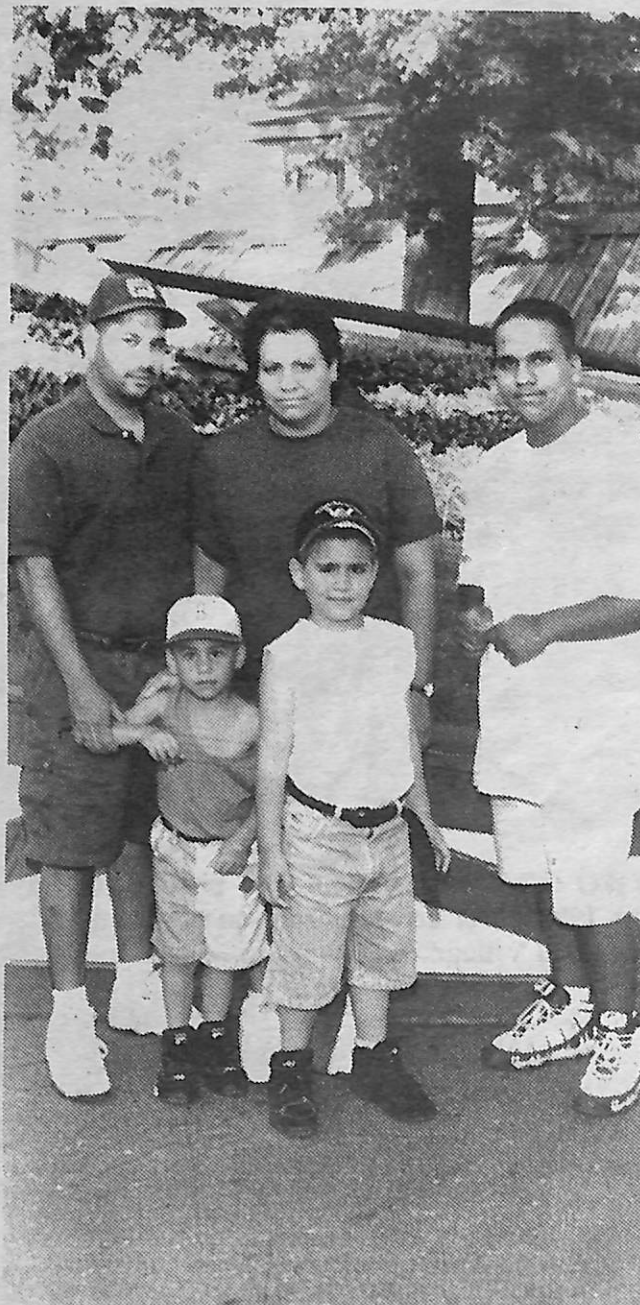
Thursdays: 9:00 a.m., Physical Fitness; 10:00 a.m., ASGA (Agawam Senior Games Athletes) meets on the third Thursday of each month; 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., Line Dancing; 2:45 to 4:15 p.m., Band Practice.

Fridays: 12:20 p.m., Creative Cards; 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Duplicate Bridge; 1:00 p.m., Cards For Fun; 1:00 p.m., Organ Lessons (beginners only); 1:00 p.m., Pitch & Cribbage.

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"Family Night"



THE RIVERA FAMILY attended Riverside's Annual "Family Night" on Monday, August 19th. The park invited family members of its employees to a night of fun. **RELATED PHOTOS ON PREVIOUS PAGE.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

CCBA To Hold Ziti Supper Fundraiser On Thursday, Sept. 5th

The Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam (CCBA) are continuing to increase their legal funds to fight Berkshire Power. A ziti supper will be held at the American Legion on Springfield Street on Thursday, September 5th, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Joe Conte will be wearing his chef hat and making his delicious Italian sauce. A raffle is planned along with fun for everyone in the family. Why cook?

The fundraiser is open to the public, and tickets may be purchased by calling Barbara at 786-6508, Susan at 789-4156, or any CCBA member. Tickets are \$5 each.

Agawam Lioness Club To Meet September 3rd

The Agawam Lioness Club will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, September 3rd, at the Lions Den in West Springfield at 7:00 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Sasha Zebryk. Her topic will be "Living Life In Abundance."

If you would like more information, please call 786-8461.

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Water Aerobics Finish At Pheasant Hill Village



TWO OF THE LADIES who participated in the 1996 water aerobic program held at Pheasant Hill Village. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



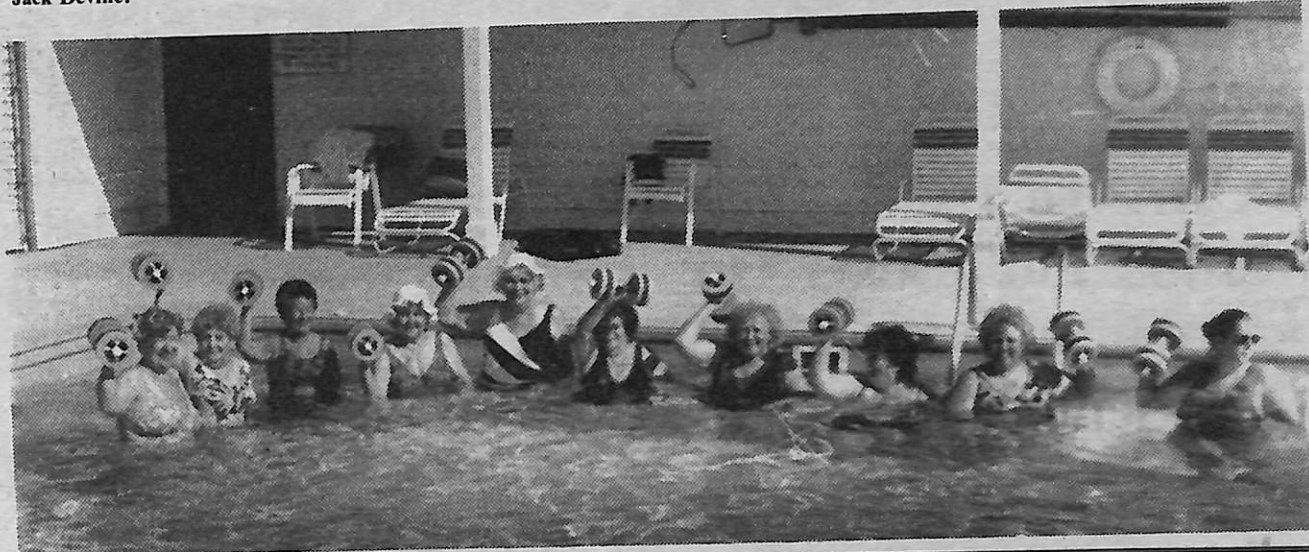
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 1996 water aerobic participants (above and below) who did their best to show up on Mondays and Wednesdays, rain or shine, at Pheasant Hill Village. Taught by Jaime Redin, they all did a great job! This year's participants were: Ruth Zieler, Bea Franks, Carol Swenor, Margaret Tassinari, Helen McGrady, Millie Haas, Ruth Blanch, Jennie Juzba, Rose Mezzetti, Judy Broden, Maggie Driscoll, Celia Jones, Irene Finch, and Bea Gore. These ladies would like to thank Irene Dion for a great summer. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Tag Sale Slated By Parents' Group Of Work Opportunity Ctr.

The annual tag sale sponsored by the Parents' Group of the Work Opportunity Center will be held on Saturday, September 7th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. next to Starzio's Pride Service Station, 1672 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield. The rain date is Sunday, September 8th.

West Spfld. Grange Slates Tag Sale For Saturday, August 31st

West Springfield Grange No. 147 will hold a tag sale at 390 North Street, Feeding Hills, on Saturday, August 31st, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. In addition to a wide variety of sale items, there will be a bake sale table.



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Turnverein Slates Many Activities For Fall Season

The Springfield Turnverein of Agawam, 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills, is beginning its fall schedule of activities.

Gymnastic sign-ups will be held from September 9th-11th, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Registration is essential so that classes can be scheduled. Classes will begin the first week of October and are held Monday through Thursday afternoons and early evenings.

Both class instruction and team classes are held. Competitions are held several times during the year with the other American Turner Societies in the District. If you would like more information, please call the Club at 786-0924 (after 4:00 p.m.).

German classes are being considered for the fall season. A successful advanced class was held last spring. These folks would like to continue but are looking for more members that might like to advance their knowledge.

We are also looking for people that might like to start learning the German language. If you have any questions, please call the Club and leave your name and phone number and we will get back to you.

The Ladies' Glee Club and the Men's Singing Section are sponsoring a Steak Roast on Saturday, September 7th, serving from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Following dinner, music will be provided by "The Continentals" from New York State.

This band has performed in the Catskills and at the Hunter Mountain Festivals. Deadline for reservations is September 4th. Make your reservations with Christa Strehl at 786-0143 or by calling the Club at 786-0924.

Our busy Cultural Committee is planning their first meeting of the season on Sunday, September 15th at 2:30 p.m. The program will be an introduction to the Black Forest through a video presentation. Refreshments will follow. Everyone is welcome to attend this fine presentation.

Plans are progressing for our German-American Weekend, October 4th and 5th. Watch for flyers for more information and keep the dates open.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, September 2nd: Senior Center closed — happy Labor Day!

Tuesday, September 3rd: Stuffed cabbage, mashed potato, corn, wheat bread, banana.

Wednesday, September 4th: Ziti and meatballs, broccoli and cauliflower, garlic bread, tapioca pudding.

Thursday, September 5th: Cream of broccoli soup, chicken cutlet on a roll, lettuce and tomato, canned plums.

Friday, September 6th: Baked fish, cheese mashed potatoes, cole slaw, rye bread, cookie.

Cub Pack 75 Seeks New Members For Upcoming Year

Cub Scout Pack 75, sponsored by Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, is now taking registration of new members.

First grade — Tigers (boy and adult partner program); second grade — Wolf; third grade — Bear; fourth grade — first-year Webelos; and fifth grade — second-year Webelos.

Come join our scouting family and have fun while learning. It is an interesting and educational program. What they learn in scouting, they will be able to use the rest of their lives.

They go on field trips while also going on Council and District events. Plus, in the Pack, there is a Halloween Party, Yukon Derby (winter event), Pinewood Derby, Blue & Gold Banquet, and a march in the Memorial Day Parade.

The Tiger Quest and Tiger Tracks are held on two separate days and are for the Tiger and adult partner; they are also included in the above-mentioned events.

These are just a few of the things that the Pack does, as well as a Cub Day Camp, Webelos Woods, and Residence Camp.

Come join us and learn more about our Pack. Call 786-2309 for more information.

Agawam Golden Age Club Chapter 2 Holds Annual Picnic At Agawam VFW Pavilion

Agawam Golden Age Club Chapter 2 held its Annual Picnic at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Pavilion, South Street, Agawam, on August 21st.

Club President Louis Scherpa was assisted with arrangements by Ernest Swanson, site selection; Perry and Rose McCobb, ticket sales; Lawrence and Francis Viens, food preparation; Mary Spinelli, Elizabeth Geoffrion, Leanne Dion, Edward Grimes, Frank Paradiso, and Jennie Juzba, food supplies; and Alice Bishop, Louise Scherpa, and Jennie Juzba, raffle prizes.

A picnic lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls, home baked beans, punch, coffee, and cold, sweet watermelon was served to 136 hungry and happy seniors starting at 12:00 noon.

Mother Nature smiled on the jolly picnickers with sunshine and cool breezes. All men in atten-

dance performed as waiters who served the food to the women seated at picnic tables.

Vice President Edward Grimes called numbers during the cash bingo program following the picnic lunch. He was assisted by John Greguoli, Perry McCobb, Frank Paradiso, and Alice Bishop.

Many door prizes were displayed on tables in the VFW Pavilion and were distributed by Chairperson Jennie Juzba, who thanks the seniors who generously donated all the prizes.

President Scherpa expressed appreciation to the many willing workers who had a part in providing a successful "fun time" outing for everyone at the pavilion. He also thanks the Veterans' Commander, Norman McMahon, for the use of the excellent facilities owned by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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Agawam Golden Age Clubs' Calendar Of Events For September

September 4th: Chapter 2 — Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with guest Debbie Dachos, who will be speaking on the "Connecticut River Walk & Bike Way." (There will be a short Board meeting directly after the meeting.)

September 6th: Chapter 1 — Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

September 8th-12th: Chapter 2 — A five-day trip to Wildwood Crest, New Jersey.

September 11th: Chapter 1 — A regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with gift bingo.

September 12th: Chapter 1 — A "Mystery Trip."

September 18th: Chapter 2 — Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with guest Robert MacGovern, who will be speaking on "A Native American Attack On Springfield."

September 25th: Chapter 1 — Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with a program to be announced at a later date.

Peter A. Juliak Completes ROTC Advanced Camp

Peter A. Juliak recently graduated from leadership training and evaluation at the U.S. Army Cadet Command Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) advanced camp at Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, N.C.

The camp, normally attended by cadets between their third and fourth years of college, provides a thorough evaluation of a cadet's decision making ability. Successful completion of the advanced camp and graduation from college results in a commission as a second lieutenant. Newly commissioned officers may serve as active Army, Reserve, or National Guard members.

The cadet is a student at American University, Washington, D.C.

He has also completed airborne and air assault training and is scheduled to attend Corps Troop Leadership Training after having completed advanced camp.

Juliak is the son of Peter A. and Beverly A. Juliak of 44 Dover Street, Agawam.

Allison Ruby Has A New Brother, Todd M.

"Big sister" Allison Ruby would like very much to announce the birth of "little brother" Todd Michael.

Born July 18th at 11:28 a.m. to Michelle and Todd Ruby, Todd Michael weighed in at nine pounds, seven ounces, and measured 22 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Linda Chagnon of Feeding Hills and Edward Chagnon of Agawam. Paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ruby of Agawam.

Todd will be baptized September 29th at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

Kimberly L. Marsden Weds James P. Bailey

On May 25, 1996, at 4:00 p.m., the First Church of Monson was the setting for the wedding of Kimberly Lynn Marsden and James Paul Bailey. The bride is the daughter of Robert and Paula Marsden of 26 Hilltop Drive, Monson. The groom is the son of Leo and Sandra (Losito) Bailey of 56 Wilbraham Road, Monson, and the grandson of Michael and Claire Losito of 489 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam.

Officiating at the ceremony were Rev. Douglas Nielson and Deacon Bernard Pellisier of St. Patrick's Church.

The matron of honor was Mrs. Dawna Rouette. The best man was Mr. Craig Levesque.

The bridesmaids were Jessica Bailey (sister of the groom), Carrie Piccoli, Mandy Talbot, Kate Robbins, and Sharlene Marsden. The junior bridesmaid was Jenna Bailey (sister of the groom), and the flower girls were Amanda

Marsden and Brittany Marsden.

The ushers were Jeremy Bailey and Josh Bailey (brothers of the groom), Brad Medeiros, Dan Moriarty, Ken Marsden, and Keith Marsden. The junior ushers were Jonathan Bailey and Justin Bailey (brothers of the groom), and the ring bearer was Gerard Clark (a cousin).

The bride graduated from Monson High School and STCC. She is currently employed as a cosmetologist at DiGrigoli Salon in West Springfield.

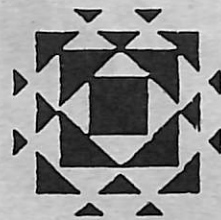
The groom graduated from Monson High School and Western New England College. He is employed at Bailey Motors in Springfield.

The couple honeymooned on a cruise aboard the Monarch of the Seas to the southern Caribbean islands.

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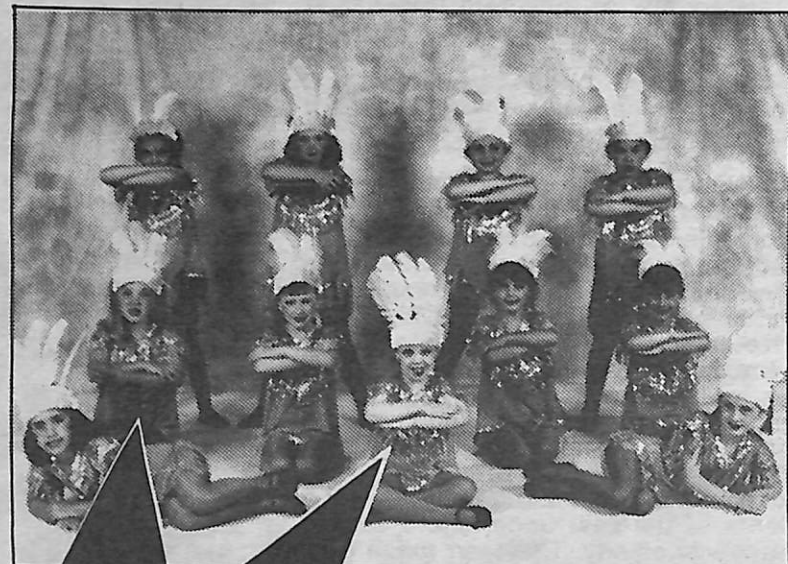
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Todd Zern Is Now Touring With "Up With People"

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Todd Zern, a 20 year-old native of Feeding Hills, left on August 19th with a cast of "Up With People" for a six-month tour in Europe.

He is in one of three casts of the production traveling the world. There are 140 young people from 22 different countries in his group. He said he considers that as exciting as traveling and presenting the show in approximately 80-90 cities here and abroad this year.

In a telephone interview from Indiana before he flew to Zurich, Switzerland, he said he looks forward to expanding his knowledge of language by use and experiencing different cultures.

The cast of students of "Up With People" in which Todd is appearing is one of three traveling the world with its dynamic production of music, humor, and song. His cast has been traveling since last January and on July 14th-15th was at the Coca-Cola Pavilion, Olympic City, Atlanta, Georgia.

He described the thrill of seeing athletes and people from all over the world on the streets of Atlanta. He performed there within a week of the bombing.

The cast then went to Columbus, Georgia, and gave a show for 20,000 people celebrating the first time Women's Fast Pitch Softball was in the Olympics, at the site of the game's origin. The show then went to South Bend, Plymouth, and Madison, Indiana before flying from Chicago to Zurich, Switzerland.

Through the fall, the show will be performed over 18 days in six cities in Switzerland, then in Luxemburg, Belgium (where the Belgium Red Cross is sponsoring them), Lichtenstein, Germany, and Paris.

Service Project In Each City

The students of the cast undertake a service project in each visited city. They can range from environmental cleanup to serving food at a homeless center or visiting one-on-one with senior residents. They work with school children in activities designed to help develop self-respect, tolerance of others, and understanding of the value of service.

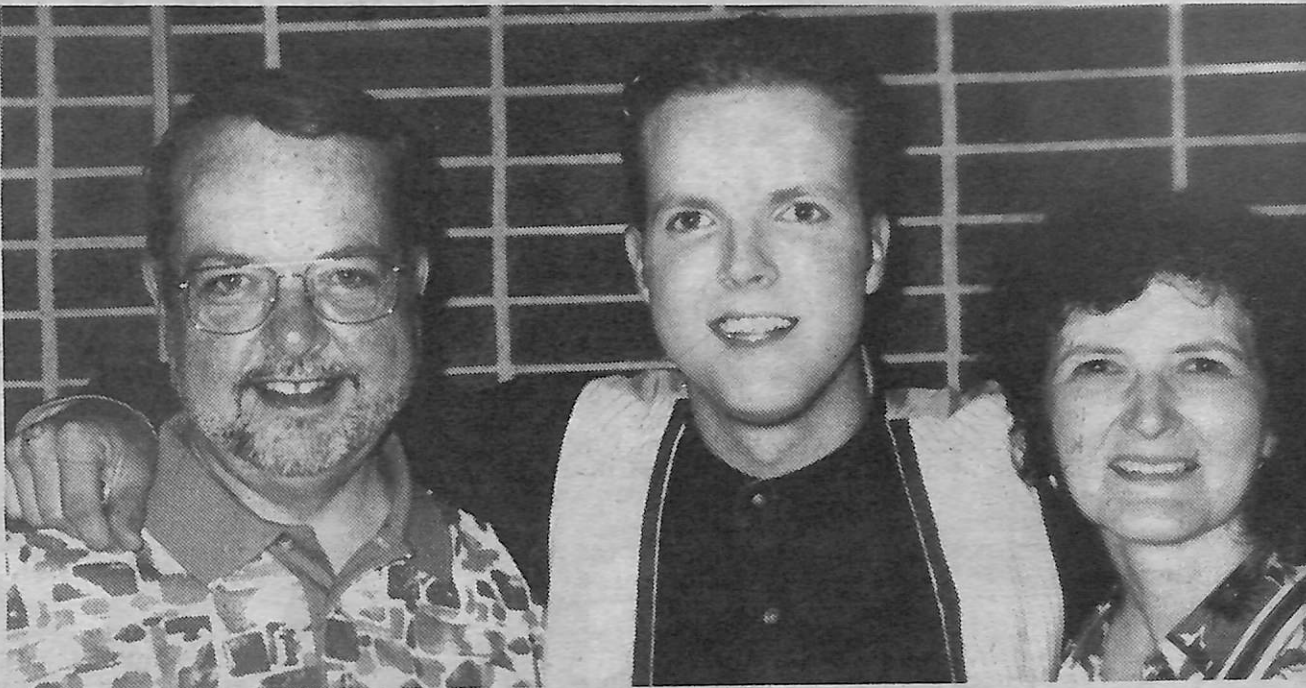
The purpose is to demonstrate that people of different cultures can work together for positive change.

This is Todd's fourth trip to Europe. Through high school, he worked with 'Operation Friendship' at Feeding Hills Congregational Church. For two years, his family hosted foreign students in the summer and two years he traveled to Scotland and Germany for a summer trip.

In 1995, he joined "Up With People" and as a student, paid to participate. This year, he is a paid employee, a band instructor, and admissions representative. He is on leave from Western New England College, where he has been studying bio-engineering.



TODD ZERN (in center of photo with arms extended) and a cast of "Up With People" when the show was in Agawam.



TODD ZERN was visited by his parents, Theodore and Roxanne Zern, in Madison, Indiana, before the cast left for a six-month tour in Europe.

In March 1993, an "Up With People" cast performed at Agawam High School and students had the opportunity to interview for the group. Annually, 700 of the 8,000 students who apply from all over the world are accepted. Todd plays piano and trumpet, was in the AHS Marching, Jazz, and Concert Bands. In 1991, he was in the All State Jazz Band.

Todd has become deeply involved with "Up With People" and intends to be with them another

year before returning to college. He considers dipping into different cultures and learning various languages an invaluable education. He also said he believes in the purpose of "Up With People" - providing an educational vehicle using music, song, and humor to promote understanding among the peoples of the world.

When the show is given in Germany, it will be in English, Todd said, but a huge wall screen will show the German translation.

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"Friends" Of Senior Ctr. Seeking Nominees For Friendship Award

The Friends of the Agawam Senior Center is seeking nominations for its annual Friendship Award. The award honors an outstanding individual who best exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism on behalf of Agawam's seniors.

If you know of someone who has helped to benefit the lives of our senior citizens and the Senior Center, please consider submitting his/her name in nomination for the Friendship Award.

The recipient must be an Agawam resident and at least 60 years of age. Married couples will be considered.

Applications will be mailed upon request or may be picked up at the Agawam Senior Center from Sandra Smith. Closing date for nominations is October 1, 1996.

— ADVERTISER NEWS —

Michael Lydick Is "Editor Of The Year" For Ed. Publication

A national group of education editors recently honored Michael Lydick of Feeding Hills as 1996 Editor of the Year. Lydick was presented with the George Badner Memorial Editor of the Year Award for excellence in editing by the State Education Editors (SEE) of the National Education Association (NEA) during the organization's annual conference in Alexandria, Virginia, in late June.

SEE represents editors who produce membership publications for the state affiliates of the NEA, which is the nation's largest public education employee organization with 2.2 million public school members.

Lydick is the managing editor of the CEA Advisor, a monthly newspaper distributed to the 30,000 public school teacher members of the Connecticut Education Association (CEA). Lydick, a native of Southwick, has been editor of the publication since he joined the staff of the Hartford-based organization in 1976.

The George Badner Memorial Editor of the Year Award is named after the former editor of the Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA), a longtime SEE member and former SEE President who died in 1993.

The award is presented each year at the annual SEE Conference to a state education association editor for excellence in editing. The award honors editors who are innovators in developing or producing publications and who share those innovations or ideas with colleagues in other states.

Lydick served five years as a SEE Executive Officer from 1988 to 1993, including a one-year term as SEE President in 1992. He and his wife, Diana N. Gregory-Lydick, are longtime residents of Feeding Hills.

Joey And Nick Ceccarini Announce Birth Of Baby Sister, Samantha Ann

Joey and Nick Ceccarini are happy to announce the birth of their sister, Samantha Ann. She was born on August 26th at 9:14 a.m., weighing six pounds, 11 ounces.

Four year-old Joey and two year-old Nick were waiting for Samantha along with their proud parents, Mark and Beth Ceccarini of Feeding Hills.



KATHRINE MARY PALTZ

The Paltz Family Announces Birth Of Daughter, Kathrine M.

Karen (Wright) and Christopher Paltz of Feeding Hills announce the birth of their child, Kathrine Mary. She was born on December 28, 1995 at 5:34 a.m. and weighed seven pounds and nine ounces.

Kathrine's proud grandparents are Sue and Jim Wright of Feeding Hills, and Mary and Walter Paltz of Agawam.

Maternal grandparents are Conrad and Marcia Phillips of Feeding Hills. Paternal grandparents are Renzo and Jean Ceccarini of Agawam. Great-grandmothers are Anna Guidi of Feeding Hills and Mary Braica of Agawam.

Better late than never

Everything seems a little late this year. Cantaloupe and watermelon were late due to the cold, wet Spring, but we've got plenty now, and even David and Laurie's new baby was two weeks late. (Could that have been the weather, too?!)

J. Bailey Martin Cecchi (*The "J. Bailey" part is after Joel J. Bailey, who owned the farm in the late 1800s, "Martin" is his mom's maiden name.*) came into the world at 3:23 p.m., Thursday, August 22nd, all 21" and 9 lbs., 7 oz. of him.

But enough about babies! This is high season at the Stand, and it seems that there's nothing we're *not* picking: corn, squash, a dozen

varieties of peppers, four types of eggplant, lettuce, tomatoes, cukes, and wax, roma, pole, green beans, and shell beans are all in great supply, as are Bobby's Famous Mums. (See left.)



Anna Cecchi, her father, Angelo Ferraro, and a few cousins from New York sample field fresh cantaloupe during the summer of '48.

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Christie Gaudreau Weds Robert Haines

St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam was the setting for the recent wedding of Christie Gaudreau and Robert Haines.

The parents of the bride are Richard and Catherine Gaudreau of 73 Peachstone Glen, West Springfield. The bridegroom is the son of Peter and Linda Haines of Westboro.

Laurie Gaudreau attended her sister as maid of honor. Jeffrey Haines served his brother as best man.

The bride is a graduate of Elms College in Chicopee and Westfield State College. She is a third grade teacher at Lincoln School in Springfield.

Her husband graduated from Western New England College in Springfield. He is a lease account manager for Ryder Transportation Services.

After honeymooning in Aruba, the couple make their home in Springfield.

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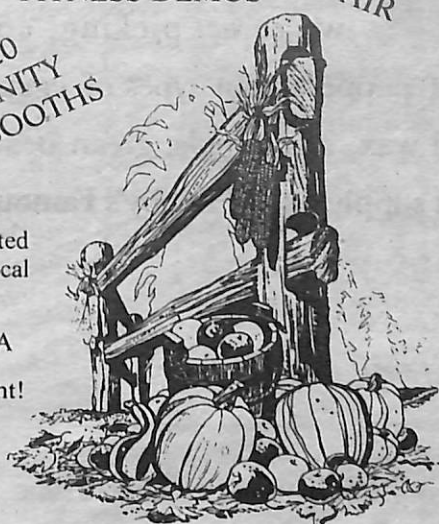
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MR. AND MRS. CHRISTOPHER GREESON

Daryl Lyn Brown Weds Christopher Greeson

Daryl Lyn Brown and Christopher Greeson were recently united in marriage in Safety Harbor, Florida.

The bride is the daughter of Edward Brown of Feeding Hills and Kathleen Brown of Enfield, CT. The bridegroom is the son of Marleen Shaw of Gulfport, Florida.

Vanessa Touchette of Feeding Hills attended as maid of honor. Jeff Swetnich served the bridegroom as best man.

The bride graduated from Agawam High School and now attends the University of South Florida.

The bridegroom is employed at Trade Winds Resort.

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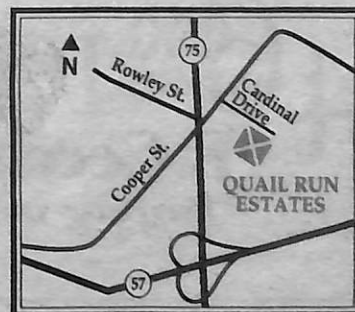
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Three Town Girls Receive Awards

Among 80 contestants throughout the Massachusetts area, Jennifer Dobise, Hilary Golas, and Lucy Young were presented with awards for some of their outstanding scholastic, athletic, and talent achievements, as well as being selected among 25 finalists in the 1996 Pre-Teen Scholarship and Recognition Program, which was held on August 2-4, 1996 at the Sheraton Springfield Hotel.

State Finalists are judged on (1) Academic Achievement; (2) Volunteer Service to Church and Community; (3) School Honors and Activities; (4) Development of Personal Skills and Abilities; (5) General Knowledgeability; (6) Communicative Ability and (7) On-Stage Review and Acknowledgement of Accomplishments.

The three-day competition started on Friday with the Speech and Talent Competition, and on Saturday the Interviews/Panel Discussions and On-Stage Review sessions were held with a State Finalist "Autograph Party" in the evening. On Sunday, the Group and Individual Photo Sessions, Grand Finale Dance and Sing Production were held concluding the three-day program with the Pre-Teen Massachusetts Finals.

The Pre-Teen Massachusetts is an annual by-invitation only Scholarship and Recognition event involving young ladies seven to 12 years of age based on their school academic records, awards and honors won and/or their participation in outside activities.

Additionally, young ladies are invited who have been recognized publicly for their outstanding personal achievements, volunteer services, school involvement, and leadership abilities or creative talents.

Congratulations!

Heritage Hall To Hold Annual Harvest Day

Heritage Hall Centers are holding its second annual Harvest Day Festival on Saturday, September 7th, on the Heritage Hall grounds in Agawam. There will be non-stop entertainment from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., including karate and dance demonstrations, country music with Annie Fogg, and much more.

In addition, there will be a carnival midway with rides, food, a health fair, a craft fair, pony rides, raffle prizes, and many non-profit and civic group community booths. Dress your dog up for the "Harvest Day Dog Parade" at 12:15 p.m. and compete for prizes donated by Dave's Soda & Pet City.

Admission is free for the public. Free parking is available at Bethany Assembly of God, 580 Main Street in Agawam, with a courtesy shuttle to the Festival grounds.

All funds raised will benefit the Heritage Hall Scholarship Fund for local students. Volunteers are needed.

For more information, call Kim George at 786-8000, extension 217.



AGAWAM STUDENTS Jennifer Dobise, Hilary Golas, and Lucy Young were presented with awards earlier this month as participants in the 1996 Pre-Teen Scholarship and Recognition Program at the Sheraton Springfield Hotel. The girls were recognized for outstanding scholastic, athletic, and talent achievements.

Jason Eisenbeiser Is Now A Coast Guard Seaman Apprentice

Coast Guard Seaman Apprentice Jason J. Eisenbeiser, son of Karen C. Kantor of 153 Silver Lake Drive, Agawam, recently graduated from recruit training and was promoted to his current rank.

During the training cycle at Coast Guard Recruit Training Center, Cape May, N.J., students are taught general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training leading toward qualification in one of the Coast Guard's 26 occupational fields.

Studies also include first aid, seamanship, Coast Guard history and regulations, close order drill and damage control.

The 1995 graduate of Agawam High School joined the Coast Guard in May 1996.

Corey A. Leitch Is A Coast Guard Fireman Apprentice

Coast Guard Fireman Apprentice Corey A. Leitch, son of Kristin J. Leitch of 48 North West Street, Feeding Hills, recently graduated from recruit training and was promoted to his current rank.

During the training cycle at Coast Guard Recruit Training Ctr., Cape May, N.J., students are taught general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training leading toward qualification in one of the Coast Guard's 26 occupational fields.

Studies also include first aid, seamanship, Coast Guard history and regulations, close order drill and damage control.

He joined the Coast Guard in May 1996.

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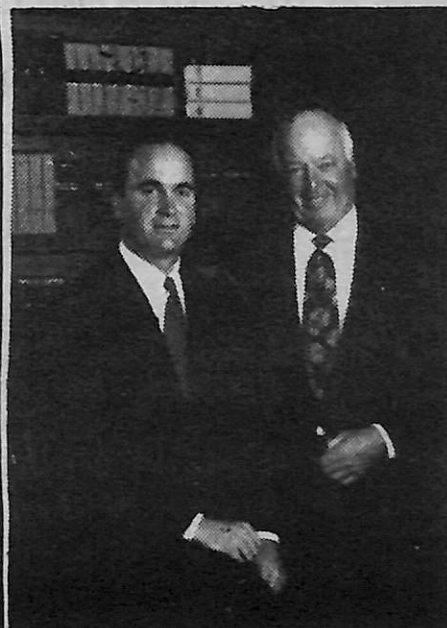


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Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, September 1st, is the 14th Sunday after Pentecost. This Sunday ends our summer schedule with worship at 9:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church; next Sunday, our worship resumes at 10:30 a.m.

This will be the final Sunday that Rev. Kyle McGaw, the former pastor of the Agawam United Methodist Church, will be our Guest Preacher. Child care will be available in the Crib Room for infants and three and four year-olds.

Church School begins next Sunday.

Next Sunday, September 8th, will be Communion Sunday. Church School begins on this Sunday. Call the church office, 786-7111, and register your children for class.

The seventh through 12th grade will meet at 9:15 a.m., and the Crib Room (three and four year-olds through the sixth grade) will meet at 10:30 a.m.

Playgroup begins Wednesday, September 18th, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. For more information concerning this group, contact the church office, 786-7111.

Country Line Dancing will begin in October. Keep Friday nights open. Details coming up soon!

St. Anthony's & St. Theresa's To Conduct Religious Education Registration

The religious education program starts with a Youth Mass on Monday, September 9th, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Theresa's Church.

Registration will follow the mass. New students in the program must bring a copy of their baptismal certificate. Class schedules will be announced at this time.

At least one parent must attend.

A teacher's meeting will be held for teachers of both parishes on Tuesday, September 3rd, in St. Anthony's Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Activities Calendar From St. David's

JOIN THE PEOPLE OF ST. DAVID'S CHURCH AS THEY CELEBRATE THE NEW LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST this Holiday weekend at worship services August 31st and September 1st.

The church offers a quiet, contemporary service Saturday at 5:00 p.m., and a dignified, traditional service Sunday at 8:00 a.m., both at the Church Building at 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. An exuberant praise and renewal service is held Sunday at 10:00 a.m., at the Agawam Middle School on Main Street in Agawam.

The later service normally features a Summer Sunday School program for those in grades K-4, but will this Sunday feature a shorter worship service for all ages. There will, however, be nursery care for smaller children (Kindergarten and under).

This week's services will feature a sermon by the Pastor, the Rev. Len Cowan, and will be designed for children, and particularly for the baptism which will be held at the 10:00 a.m. service.

St. David's welcomes visitors at all of its worship services.

CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN FOR OUR NEW FACILITY, to be located at 697 Springfield Street. The public is welcome to join us in being "sidewalk superintendents," and we covet your prayers. Framing of the new facility is now underway.

A BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN is offered Tuesday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at the Church Building. No previous Bible knowledge or study experience is needed. The parish office can provide further details.

A CLASS IN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE for the deaf is being taught Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Albrights' home in Agawam. Call the parish office for information.

THE MEN OF ST. DAVID'S MEET SATURDAYS at the Church Building from 7:00 to 8:15 a.m. to enjoy one another's company, to study the Bible, and to pray for one another. Further information or registration may be obtained by calling the Parish Office at 786-6133.

Calendar Of Events At Sacred Heart Church

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION...

Registration for the 1996-1997 Religious Education Program will begin on August 31st in the Parish Center.

Registration will be held after all Masses on the weekends of August 31 & September 1st, and September 7th & 8th, as well as on the following days in the Parish Center:

Monday, September 2nd, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.; Tuesday, September 3rd, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.; Wednesday, September 4th, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.; Thursday, September 5th, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.; and Friday, September 6th, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Registration fee is \$25 per student, not to exceed \$50 per family. Those registering after the above mentioned dates are subject to a late fee of \$10 per student.

New students to the program must bring a copy of their baptismal certificate.

"I AM SPECIAL" REGISTRATION...

Registration for the Sunday morning "I Am Special" program will be held at the same time as the regular Religious Education registration. Registration fee is \$15.

This program is held in the Parish Center during the 9:00 a.m. Mass and is for children ages 2½ through Kindergarten. This year we will be using a new program. It will be Bible based.

Any questions, see Alma at registration time or call her at 786-9835.

BAPTISMS:

Please welcome into our parish family the newly baptised: Thomas John Lockwood, Jr., Eric Gregory Burns, and Tia Michaela Thompson. Congratulations to their parents and families.

CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Choir rehearsals for the Senior Choir will begin on Wednesday, September 4, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church, and every Wednesday thereafter.

The Senior Choir will sing the second and fourth weekends of each month, alternating between the 4:00 p.m. and the 11:00 a.m. Masses.

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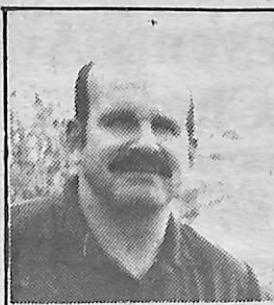
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submitted by
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The High Cost Of Doing God's Will...

As Jesus and His disciples turned towards Jerusalem for the final time, Jesus began to explain to the disciples what was going to happen to Him. Rather than being received as the long-awaited Messiah, Jesus foretold His betrayal and execution.

Jesus' friend Peter, perhaps speaking for the rest of the disciples as well as himself, said to Jesus by saying: "God would never let this happen to You, Lord." Jesus' response was seemingly harsh. "Satan, get away from Me! You're in My way because you think like everyone else and not like God."

Why would Jesus say such a thing to anyone, especially to one of His best friends? We know Jesus was compassionate and kind, so His reaction seems so unlike Him. Upon reflection, it may be we might understand Jesus' words to Peter properly.

For one thing, Jesus was the most unique person the world has ever seen. He was fully God, and He was also fully man. Is it not possible that the fully man part of Jesus dreaded what lay in store for Him in Jerusalem? We know that in the garden of Gethsemane that Jesus prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, don't make Me suffer by having

Me drink from this cup." Like any normal person, Jesus did not want to suffer.

The death Jesus foresaw was cruel and gruesome, and His dread of it was perfectly normal. If Jesus had not dreaded being crucified, He would not have been fully man.

How often do we appreciate the fact that it was not easy for Jesus to die for our sins? It was a terribly hard thing for Him to do.

It was just at that moment, when Jesus had to stay resolute, that an alternative was suggested to Him. Peter did not mean to represent the devil; he no doubt was trying to say and do the right thing. However, Peter's declaration was in direct opposition to God's will.

The Bible tells us that *Jesus died to destroy the devil, who had power over death*. No wonder the devil tried, one last time, to distract Jesus from His mission.

Jesus then said to His disciples: "If any of you wants to be My followers, you must forget about yourself. You must take up your cross and follow Me." What should our response to this be?

Asked another way, what does God want of us? In the Epistle to the Romans, we read "Dear friends, God is good. So I beg you to offer your bodies to Him as a living sacrifice, pure and pleasing. That's the most sensible way to serve God."

Simply going to church is not enough. How we live, and what we do with our bodies, matters to God. If we deliberately and knowingly violate God's will, attending all the church services in the world won't make a difference. If we will not give God the sacrifice of our lives, He is not interested in the sacrifice of praise from our lips.

Does this sound extreme? Hear the words of Jesus: "If you want to save (or keep) your life, you will destroy it. But if you give up your life to Me, you will find it. What will you gain, if you own the whole world but destroy yourself? What would you give to get back your soul?"

Tag/Craft Sale At Sacred Heart Sept. 7th

There will be a Tag/Craft Sale on Saturday, September 7th in the parking lot of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

Over 25 vendors will be participating. There will be a Snack Bar during the sale. The sale will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. In case of rain, the sale will be Sunday, September 8th from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Trading Post To Take In Items For Sale

The Trading Post Consignment Shop, located at First Baptist Church (corner of Main and Elm Streets, Agawam), will be open for "take in" items only on Wednesday, September 4th, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

In order to sell, all clothing must be clean, pressed, in style, in season, folded, or on hangers. All items must be good as new (if needed we will give you hangers).

Other items that will be accepted include small household items, electric appliances, drapes, curtains, blankets, spreads, jewelry, bags, puzzles, and paperbacks (these must also be in good condition and clean).

On Wednesday, September 11th, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., the Trading Post will be holding its grand opening "for selling." Then, starting on October 12th, the Trading Post will be open on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Volunteers Needed For Lutheran Refugee Programs

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Please contact Deborah Schwartz at (413) 787-0725.

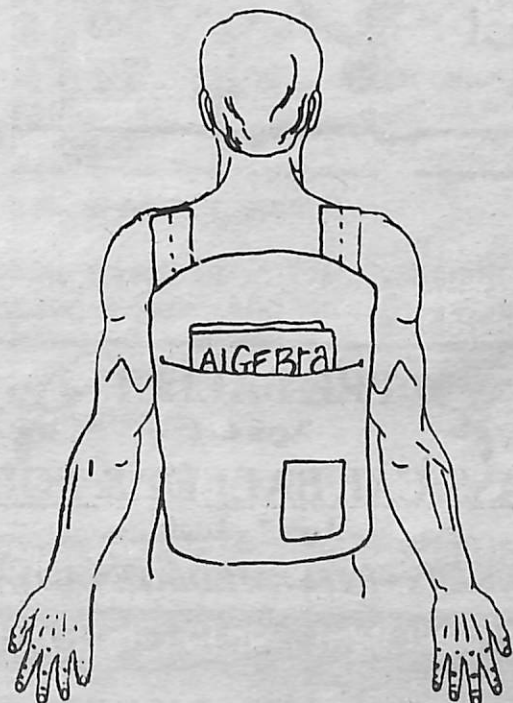
Nocturnal Adoration To Meet Sept. 6th

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Saint Theresa's Church in Agawam to conduct and pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, September 6th, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

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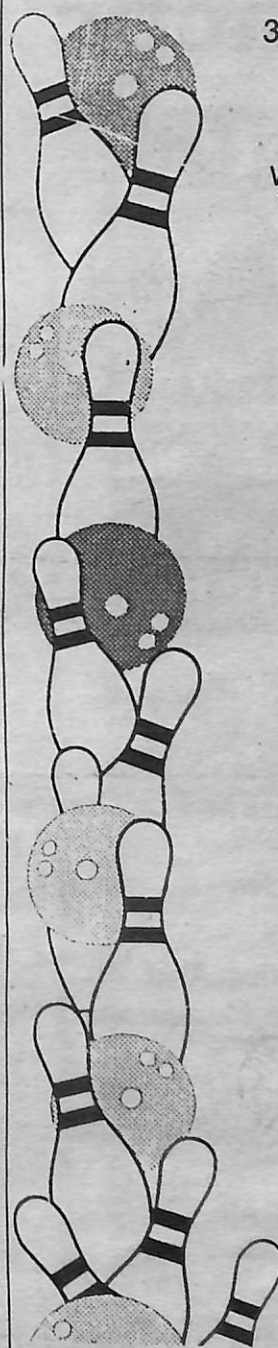
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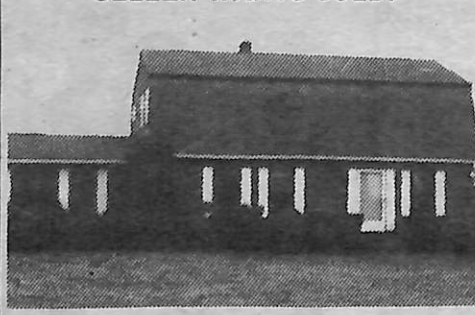
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Church News - continued...**News And Notes From F.H. Congregational**

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Sunday School for adults begins at 9:00 a.m. Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. This Sunday will include a service of Holy Communion.

Children are welcome to attend church with their parents, leaving at the designated time for a planned activity; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

You are in luck — there's still time to sign up to help with the Big E Project! The Feeding Hills Congregational Church serves some of the most popular dinners at the Big E and would be happy to let you help.

Call the office at 786-5061 for more information, or talk to Matt Granger in church on Sunday.

The Council will not meet on Monday as usual but will meet on Tuesday, September 3rd, at 7:30 p.m.

Rally/Renewal Sunday will be September 8, 1996. The service that morning will be intergenerational, with a dedication of church school teachers and children and a renewal of our Covenant featured in the service. Students will have an opportunity to meet with their teachers during Coffee Hour following the service.

On September 8th, we'll show we are Alive in God's Way, our church school theme for the quarter, and the focus of sermons during that period. Sunday School classes will resume at 9:00 a.m. the following Sunday, September 15th.

So do come back if you've been away. Join us as we renew our commitment to God, to each other, and to Feeding Hills Congregational Church.

Please note that Elaine will not be in the office on Tuesday, September 3rd.

Choir practice resumes this week at 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday. If you've been thinking about joining, now would be the perfect time.

On the calendar this week:

Sunday, September 1st: 10:00 a.m., Service of Holy Communion; 5:30 p.m., Crossroads.

Tuesday, September 3rd: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Council.

Wednesday, September 4th: 7:00 p.m., Choir.

Sunday, September 8th: 10:00 a.m., Rally/Renewal Sunday.

First Baptist Church To Hold Communion Celebration This Week

The observance of communion will be celebrated this Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. worship service at First Baptist Church. Soloist for the morning will be James Denning.

Following the service, there will be opportunity for food and fellowship in Davis Hall. As usual, child care is available.

This Sunday marks the end of the summer schedule.

On Sunday, September 8th, Rally Day will be celebrated with presentations of vignettes about Jesus' post-resurrection appearances. Special music will be featured.

Church school classes for all ages will resume on September 15th.

On our calendar this week:

Tuesday, September 3rd: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Church Committee meets.

Wednesday, September 4th: 7:15 a.m., Mid-Week Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post open (take-in only).

Thursday, September 5th: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

Everyone is invited to an ALL CHURCH picnic to be held following morning activities on September 8th at the Springfield Turnverein on Garden Street.

Special events are planned, so plan now to attend!

Late Summer Message From Ag. Methodist

After vacation time, what next? Some people say, "Well, I am not a church-goer." Strangely enough, we are not talking about church-goers or non-church-goers.

We are concerned about meeting and filling the common human need of sharing with others the spirit of worship and praise of a supreme authority and being in our lives, after we have enjoyed ourselves or dabbled in the joy or success with which we have been blessed.

Commitment to God goes further and deeper than mere church-going. It involves our faithfulness to our fathers and the honoring of posterity.

In so doing, the values for which and by which the "good" life is lived, are passed on with confidence and certainty to the generation whose need for solid principles on which to build its new culture, goes beyond the need of the present.

From vacation, then, all roads lead to our place of worship. Bring your children, bring your adults. Don't avoid making the decision that can include the entire family.

Joshua said, "Choose whom you will serve. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

The Choir returns to its post on September 8th at Agawam United Methodist Church. Rally Day is also September 8th.

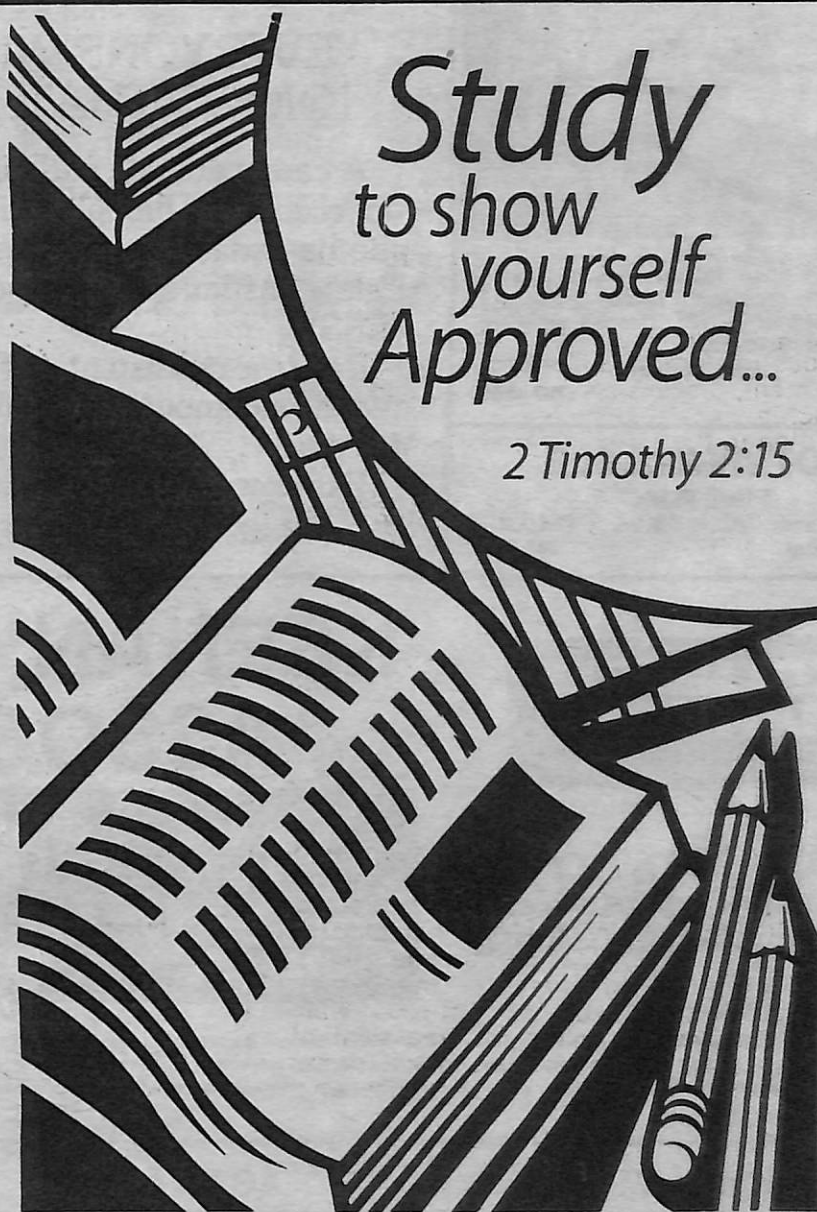
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Spotlight On Business



NEW FEEDING HILLS CHIROPRACTOR Dr. Roland Berthiaume and his wife, Sandra A. Berthiaume, are pictured outside their new chiropractic office on opening day last month. The children in the photo are Nick Berthiaume, Brandon Berthiaume, Chris Plante, Jonathan Berthiaume, Alex Berthiaume, and James LaRoche. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



FAMILY AND FRIENDS attended an open house on Thursday, August 15th, at Berthiaume Chiropractic Office in Feeding Hills. From left - Betty Breen, Dr. Roland F. Berthiaume, Sandra A. Berthiaume (the doctor's wife), Gabrielle LaRoche, and Real LaRoche. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Berthiaume Chiropractic Office Opens In Juniper Ridge Shoppes In Feeding Hills

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Dr. Roland Berthiaume has opened chiropractic offices at 341 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, in the Juniper Ridge Shoppes. He hosted an open house from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on August 15th for the public, family, and friends to view his establishment, discuss his profession, and enjoy refreshments.

In addition to the reception area, the establishment has two treatment rooms, a classroom, his office, and a darkroom for developing x-rays.

The classroom will be used for lectures and discussions with the public on topics related to the chiropractic field. They are expected to start in the fall.

One treatment room is also used for checking the patients' history, complaints and related factors, examinations, orthopedic and neurological testing, and x-rays can be taken in the same room. The doctor takes the x-rays, if indicated, and develops them in the adjoining darkroom within three minutes, and they are back on the view panels in the treatment room.

Diagnosis follows with one or more suggested courses of treatment by Dr. Berthiaume, and he (along with the patient) chooses the course of treatment. Further testing may be indicated or perhaps even blood work, Dr. Berthiaume said.

Colorful trigger point charts of the human muscular system are on a treatment room wall. They number pressure points for treatment of pain. "I have been certified in the Nimmo Trigger Point System and perform the treatment myself," Dr. Berthiaume said.

He spoke of the relationship of muscular, bone, and nervous systems as sources of pain, and said he might use a physical therapist if indicated.

The second treatment room has a Flexon and Distraction table, an up-to-the-minute, state-of-the-art piece of equipment for treatment of the spine. Sections of the table can be maneuvered separately, allowing flexing and stretching of the spine at the same time. Dr. Berthiaume is also certified in Cox Flexon and Distraction Technique.

Educational Background

Dr. Berthiaume graduated as a doctor of chiropractic from the National College of Chiropractic, Lombard, Illinois, in December 1995. He also has several certifications from the same college, all of which are framed on his office walls.

A native of Springfield, he graduated from Putnam High School in 1982, majoring in cabinetmaking. He worked in that field until an injury to the rotor cuff necessitated an operation to the labrum

and resulted in loss of range of motion in the shoulder. He could no longer perform his job.

A year of physical treatment and a chance meeting with a junior high school friend who was a chiropractor, influenced him to become a doctor of chiropractic.

He took pre-requisite courses at Holyoke Community College and then went to the National College of Chiropractic, graduating last December.

His wife, Sandra, is a registered nurse and unit manager at Mediplex Retirement Home, East Longmeadow. The couple lives on White Fox

Road, Feeding Hills. Sandra decorated her husband's offices and painted some of the white walls with original creative blue and red designs. She spends time at his offices, and Dr. Berthiaume hopes eventually they will be working together.

Since he only started accepting patients on July 15th, Dr. Berthiaume encourages interested persons to stop in and become acquainted. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Appointments will be made on request for evenings or Saturdays.

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Dr. Roland Berthiaume Opens Chiropractic Office



MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON welcomes Dr. Roland Berthiaume to the community at an open house at the new chiropractic office on North Westfield Street, Juniper Ridge Shoppes, Feeding Hills. RELATED PHOTOS AND STORY on previous page. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



DR. & MRS. RONALD BERTHIAUME have opened a new chiropractic office at the Juniper Ridge Shoppes in Feeding Hills. SEE RELATED PHOTOS AND STORY ON PREVIOUS PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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BLUE WOLF PRODUCTIONS, INC. has opened its digital recording studio at 779 Mill Street, Feeding Hills. Pat Renna and Nancy Richter are two of the co-owners. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

New Digital Recording Studio, Blue Wolf Productions, Opens In F.H.

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Blue Wolf Productions, Inc., a digital recording studio that boasts the best technical recording equipment between New York and Boston, opened for business in July at 779 Mill Street, Feeding Hills.

Blue Wolf has three co-owners: Pat Renna, director of operations; Nancy Richter, finance manager; and Stefan Billups, master production engineer. The three have been involved in music since childhood, and claim they enjoy it so much that for them this business is fun.

The recording studio occupies an entire building on the corner of Mill and Poplar Streets, opposite Sacred Heart Church parking lot. It was formerly the home of Micro-Laboratories, also owned by Mrs. Richter, which was moved to a bigger facility on Gold Street (off Suffield Street).

A lounge, three offices, and a kitchen occupy the first floor of the building. The basement was reconstructed into two separate suites and two isolation suites. There is a 32-track professional suite and a 16-track commercial suite.

The newly-constructed professional recording suite contains more than \$180,000 of the most technically advanced recording equipment the

audio industry has to offer, Mrs. Richter said.

The studio is expected to meet a large scope of needs. Renna said they will work with bands, vocal groups, vocalists, musicians, schools, colleges, make tapes, or make copies of tapes in single or multiple numbers. They will technically clean-up or improve the sound of tapes, and make demo-tapes.

The studio is planning to work with schools and colleges. One offering is a series of instructions called "Studio Sessions." This study is designed to introduce junior and senior high school students to the world of professional recording, production, and engineering. Students will wind up producing their own tape. Classes will begin in September and class size is limited. Further information and enrollment can be secured at **Blue Wolf**.

This series of studies is designed to be motivational, educational, and fun.

Renna, a graduate of Agawam High School and Berklee College of Music, Boston, has 15 years of business management experience and works in personnel management at Micro-Test Laboratories. He is a composer/arranger who has

performed with a variety of musical artists and recorded original material in the form of songs and commercials.

Mrs. Richter is also the owner of Micro-Test Laboratories, which, she says, employs 40 persons. She has played piano since elementary school and was an active member of the Agawam High School Music Department. Although trained as a registered nurse, she has had a successful business career.

Billups is considered "one of the most talented and creative musician/engineers in the Greater Springfield area," according to his co-partners. He plays keyboard and trombone, and teaches vocal techniques and vocal arrangement. He has an extensive background in recording and production within the digital (computer) realm.

Billups, a graduate of Cathedral High School, has held workshops for the Massachusetts Music Educators Association from Springfield to Boston. He is also known for work with the nationally popular performing vocal group, PRS-7.

For more information about **Blue Wolf**, call 789-4552.



STEFAN BILLUPS has one of his songs recorded at Blue Wolf Productions, Inc., located at 779 Mill Street, Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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CHICKEN QUEEN EMPLOYEE Jo-Ann Iwanicki waits on customer Kirsten Decoteau of Feeding Hills. Chicken Queen has remodeled to celebrate 10 years in Feeding Hills. For fast take-outs, call Chicken Queen at 789-3110. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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CHICKEN QUEEN is located at 525 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. The family-owned eatery is celebrating its 10-year anniversary. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Chicken Queen Celebrating 10th Anniversary In Feeding Hills

"Chicken Never Tasted So Good."

That's the proud motto of **Chicken Queen**, located at 525 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills (in those shops that are turned the other way just before the Hollow Pine Plaza).

Chicken Queen has been a family-owned business since 1969 with the two original locations in Chicopee. The eatery is celebrating its 10th year in Feeding Hills.

Chicken Queen is regionally known for its rotisserie cooked chicken and whole turkeys. The eatery serves individual meals and family packs, eat-in or take-out.

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vice is available.

To celebrate their 10th year here, **Chicken Queen** completely remodeled their store and added air conditioning to serve their customers better.

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A Vacation Home Or Second Home Is Not Just For The Wealthy!!!

A second home of any type — maybe a weekend retreat by the lake, or a condo in the big city, or whatever suits your fantasies — often seems a dream that only the wealthy can hope to achieve.

It is not so.

A recent nationwide survey shows that the median household income of second-home owners is \$46,500 per year — far from the Rockefeller league. What's particularly significant is the fact that this is a "median" figure. That means that fully half of all second-home families actually earn less than \$46,500 per year.

And that, in turn, means that a second home is clearly within the financial reach of a great many

American families.

Ragatz Associates of Oregon, the organization that uncovered the true wealth (or non-wealth) of America's two-home families, also used its survey to turn up interesting information about the age of today's second-home owners. The average: 50. Not quite the first bloom of youth, perhaps, but also a long way from the twilight years.

A very substantial majority (just over 70 percent) of today's second-home owners are between 35 and 65 years of age. That age group currently includes almost exactly one-third of the total population of the U.S., but population trends indicate that it will be 39.3 percent in the year 2000, 41 percent in 2010.

These numbers have interesting implications. They make it virtually certain, for example, that an increase in the age group that most often owns second homes will translate directly into increased demand for second homes — beach houses, fishing cottages, mountain retreats, etc.

Increased demand almost always causes prices to rise. And that means that people who buy second homes in today's exceptionally affordable buyer's market stand a real chance of seeing their investment appreciate substantially over the next 10 to 20 years.

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And that doesn't even take into account the tax advantages that a second home can bring.

(John Schuler is the Broker/Owner of CENTURY 21 Newschu Real Estate, Inc., located in the Southgate Plaza, Agawam, MA [413-789-1117].)



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"The Last Word" Bookstore Opens On Elm Street In West Springfield

Nestled in the center of town in West Springfield is a "must see" used book store on the list of all book lovers.

With framed prints lining the walls, beautiful hardwood floors, and comfortable chairs, Mrs. Emily Hayden, owner and operator of The Last Word, has created an ambience that will invite patrons to come in, browse, and have a cup of coffee. The warm, cozy atmosphere has attracted "all kinds of people," including children, teenagers, and senior citizens.

Mrs. Hayden brings years of expertise to the book business, having worked at Royal Discount Books, Johnson's, and a few in Northampton. She

says, "After I started working in book stores, I felt I had finally found what I wanted to do."

In addition to the 8,000 books, the store also sells posters, greeting cards, and gourmet coffee. Topics of books vary from new best-sellers to religion and drama. Book prices range from 25¢ to \$75 (the latter being rare books from France).

Asked why she chose the 86 Elm Street location, she said, "It's central, right in the middle of town."

The Last Word is open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, please call 736-5553.

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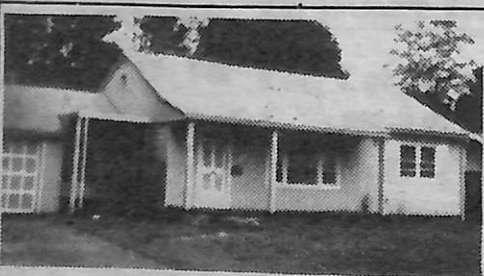
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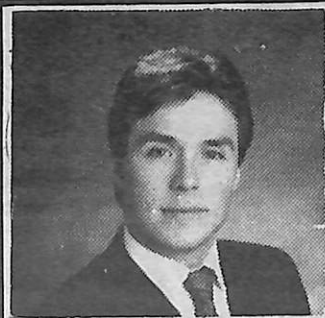
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An injury on the football field is very often the same type as that received in an auto crash. The body is frequently struck or badly jarred. Joints are often pushed beyond their limits. Vertebrae in the neck or back can be misplaced, or sometimes fractured.

As a chiropractic physician, the emphasis of my concern is on the spinal column. If one or more of the spinal vertebrae are damaged or misaligned, it can mean pressure on the nerves inside the spine and impair muscle and organ function. It can cause permanent spinal curvature, which shows up with startling clarity on x-rays of these athletes.

While football is a fine builder of character and body, no football injury should be forgotten until after a competent consultation and examination.

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Here's A Few Tips To Keep Your Kid's School Lunch Healthier

As the new school year rapidly approaches, many parents are searching for ways to keep their child's school lunch healthy, delicious, and fun to eat.

"If your child prefers bringing 'cold lunch' to school, take this opportunity to pack your young student a low-fat meal and get them off to a good start this school year by eating right," said Paige Allen, a pediatric registered dietitian at Baystate Medical Center.

Eating right means preparing lunches for children that are nutritious, low in fat, and that will sustain their energy level until they get home from school, Allen noted.

She suggests preparing sandwiches for your child's school-time lunch such as turkey breast, roast beef, and ham. These can all be healthy sandwich fillings as long as you purchase the lean, low sodium versions that are now available. To keep sandwiches low-fat, serve them on bread, rolls, or bagels and avoid croissants and biscuits which have a high-fat content of over 50 percent. Use fat-free condiments such as mustard, honey mustard, salad dressings, or cranberry sauce to dress up your child's sandwich. Also, use fat-free mayonnaise in place of the fattier regular version when making salad sandwiches such as tuna, chicken, egg, or ham.

Allen reminds parents not to ruin their child's low-fat lunch by packing potato chips along with the sandwich. "Potato chips are extremely high in fat, instead send along pretzels, rice cakes, or low-fat tortilla chips," she said.

Allen said that another great side dish to accompany your child's healthy sandwich is cut up vegetables accompanied by a fat-free dip made from mayonnaise, yogurt, or sour cream. She said that these ingredients are all available in great-tasting, fat-free versions. According to Allen,

"Vegetables such as sweet red peppers and carrots are high in antioxidant vitamins and introducing these products early in your child's life will help them build a good foundation for life-long healthy eating habits."

"Adding your child's favorite fruits to the foods they already love is a great way to help your youngster get their five servings of fruits and vegetables a day," said Allen. This can include adding chopped apples to tuna salad, topping a peanut butter sandwich with bananas, or adding sliced grapes to chicken salad. Allen also suggested serving dried apples mixed with other dried fruits, adding favorite berries to fruit-flavored gelatin, cinnamon sugar sprinkled over orange wedges, and packing a container of low-fat yogurt to dip strawberries in as good options for your child's lunch-time dessert.

If your child demands a sweet chocolatey goody in their lunch box, consider making low-fat brownies. Substitute the same amount of apple sauce for the high-fat oil when making the brownies, which will lower the amount of fat in the treat while still keeping it great tasting.

For many children, the type of beverage they bring to drink is almost as important to them as the rest of their lunch. "They'll probably want soda, but try packing low-fat milk or fruit juices in their lunch box, because they really are the most nutritious options for youngsters," Allen said.

Also, remember to keep your youngster's lunch "safe" as well as healthy. Perishable foods should not be left at room temperature for more than two hours. Try preparing your youngster's lunch the night before and refrigerating it, so it is chilled through when you pack it the next morning. Instead of a "brown bag," use an insulated bag or small cooler with a reusable freezer pack.

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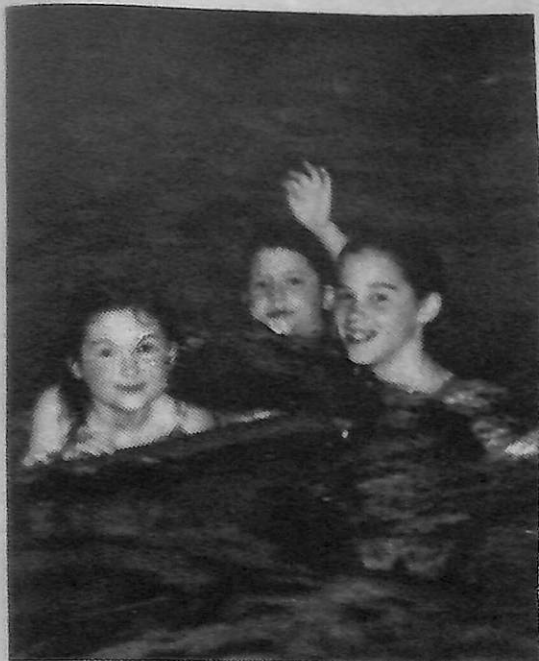
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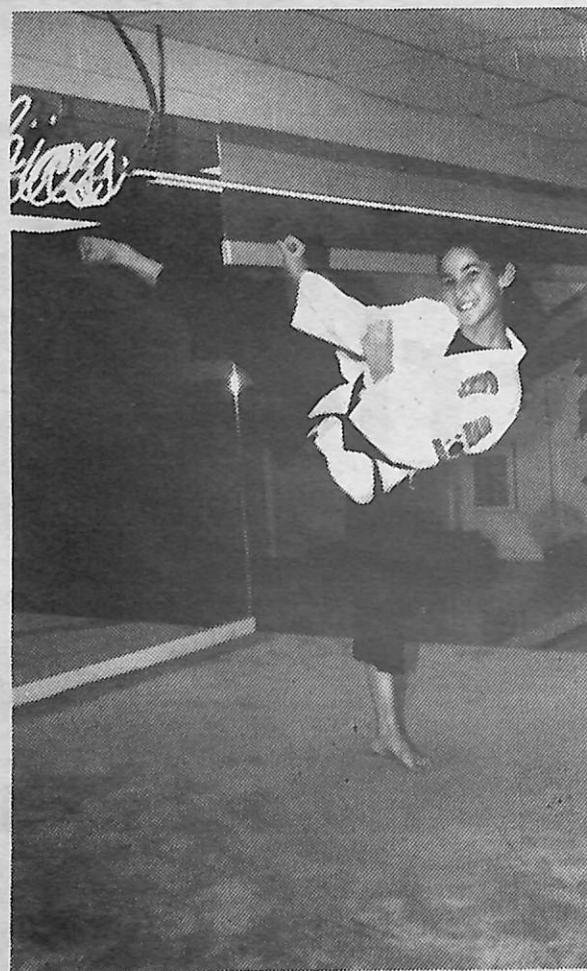
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Sign up for this fall's program!

- **Children:** Tae Kwon Do will be offered to children on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:15 pm and lasts about one hour. Classes run for eight weeks beginning September 17th. Fee is \$55.00. The first session is free!
- **Adults:** Hap Ki Do will be offered to all adults on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 8:00 pm at Fitness First. Each class lasts about 90 minutes. The program runs for eight weeks starting Sept. 17th. Fee is \$55.00 with the first session free!



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In today's society, many people spend numerous hours in front of a computer terminal with their eyes fixed in one position. The rest of the time we tend to only shift our gaze minimally from left to right, as when reading.

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I learned the following exercise techniques many years ago from a yoga instructor and continue to exercise my eyes on a daily basis. I'd like to share them with you. These five exercises will strengthen the muscles and help to prevent eyestrain and improve eyesight.

Breathe normally while you are practicing them. Begin by keeping the head stationary. First look up, then look down. Now look to the far left, then look far right. Next, look up to the right, look diagonally downward to the left. Repeat in the opposite direction.

Now imagine a large clock — look up at 12 o'clock, then circle around clockwise, quite slowly, for two rounds, then quicker for three. Repeat in a counter-clockwise direction.

Next, focus your eyes in a spot at the opposite end of the room. Then focus on the tip of your nose. Shift focus back and forth several times.

To end, rub your palms together vigorously until they feel warm. Now cup your hands over your closed eyes, without pressing. The heat and darkness soothe and relax your eyes.

Utilize these exercises while waiting in lines, during television commercials, at stoplights, etc. Take care of your eyes — the gift of sight is a precious one!

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. She is available to answer questions on Monday and Wednesday from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at 786-4820.

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Learning To Grieve...

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Death is an inevitable and emotional event that touches us all. It may come at any moment. When it comes suddenly, as it did with the recent death of Chris Twarkins, it is simply unbelievable.

Although understanding the stages of grief can help people recognize common reactions, not everyone goes through the grieving process in clear stages. The stage of adjusting to death may come in any order and may vary in length with each individual.

People have their own styles for dealing with grief. In general, time is the best healer; however, in most cases, survivors need to talk about incidents leading up to the loved one's death until self-forgiveness is achieved. Adolescents, in particular, need to share their feelings with their friends and important adults.

The first stage is denial. One of the first reactions to news of a loved one's death or terminal illness is to deny the loss and to experience an emotional numbness — "It can't be true" or "There must be some mistake."

This denial is an important stage of adjusting to the idea that death is about to occur or has occurred. It allows time for reality to sink in. Even though it is a temporary reaction, it may return during periods of stress or weakness. Feelings of loneliness and isolation are common due to the loss of an intimate relationship.

The second stage may appear in the form of angry questions — "Why him?" Although the anger that occurs may be difficult to control, it is necessary because it helps relieve the pain. The death of a loved one hurts and often seems unfair.

Grieving persons may feel resentful and angry with themselves, others, or God for not preventing the loss. Anger may be unintentionally directed at those who care most about us. Guilt may also appear in family members or friends who regret past behaviors and anger toward the person who died.

Bargaining is a short-lived stage in which the grieving person attempts to make deals with God (or fate) to offset the death. This reaction also presents itself in the form of hope.

This hoping and bargaining is often private. Individuals hang on to the hope that life will go on in order to complete unfinished business or see so-

meone for the last time. This sense of hope lifts the spirits for both friends and the surviving family.

But, sooner or later, reality becomes impossible to ignore. You come to the realization that death is inevitable. Hope fades into depression. You feel physically, mentally, and emotionally drained as well as being unable to perform even routine tasks.

Acceptance of death, which is impossible to imagine at first, is usually the last stage. Support from family members and friends helps a person or family work through conflicts and feelings that occur. Dying is accepted and eventually, one can be at peace with one's feelings. Acceptance means the survivor can remember the deceased with less pain and can focus on fully living his own life.

The death of a youngster can cause prolonged parental grief which can lead to marital problems, guilt feelings in surviving children, or depression. We usually attempt to understand why children die rather than accepting the fact of death. Parents of a deceased child often benefit from grief support groups.

Children often react to grief differently than adults. Grieving children have a right to their feelings and these feelings should be respected by other survivors. When a child sibling dies, let surviving children retain their own identity and not try to take the place of the dead child. Parents have to let the surviving children know they are valued as a person.

A family that works together through the stages of death and dying learns to cope with grief in a healthy manner. When the reaction to dying appears unhealthy and grieving interferes with normal life activities, help may be necessary.

If denial continues or the grieving is prolonged and the individual cannot enjoy life as before (stops eating, ignores personal hygiene, or becomes isolated), professional intervention should be sought. Family members, clergy, physicians, and mental health professionals may all serve in making the grieving process for the survivors a painful but profound learning experience.

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For Your Health - continued...**Ann Favreau Elected Secretary Of The United Ostomy Assoc.**

Ann Favreau was elected by acclamation to the office of Secretary of the United Ostomy Association at their 34th Annual Conference in Boston on August 10, 1996. As an officer, she will help direct the work of 538 chapters with more than 35,000 members.

The United Ostomy Association (UOA) is a volunteer-based health organization dedicated to assisting people who have had or will have intestinal or urinary diversions. Mrs. Favreau has served as President of the Ostomy Association of Greater Springfield, Massachusetts.

On the local level, she continues to provide education and personal support to those people who face ostomy related surgery. As a Chapter Coordinator in the Field Services Program, she facilitates chapter cluster meetings to help numerous chapters in New England to revitalize their groups.

During the month of October, Mrs. Favreau will be actively involved at the local and national level in the promotion of World Ostomy Day celebrated on October 5, 1996. The focus of this endeavor is to build awareness throughout the world that persons who have had these surgical procedures can live a normal and productive life.

UOA, in conjunction with the International Ostomy Association (IOA), composed of 60 associations worldwide, will conduct programs, health fairs, and media coverage to apprise the general public about ostomy surgery, the services provided by the UOA and IOA, and the support services available at the local chapter level.

For more information about these activities, one can call (413) 567-8313 or 1-800-826-0826.

Diabetic Survival At Mercy Hospital

Spend four hours learning to live with diabetes. Mercy Hospital's "Diabetic Survival Program" will take place on September 5th from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center. The program, conducted by a certified diabetic educator, offers a streamlined alternative to the week-long diabetes education programs offered monthly at the Springfield hospital.

Topics include an introduction to diabetes; medication; meal planning and the diabetic diet; and complications related to diabetes. The free class is open to diabetics, their families, and friends.

For more information, call Mim Sheehan, M.S.N., C.E.T.N., at (413) 748-9024.

Diabetic Programs At Mercy Hosp.

A series of diabetic education programs will be offered in September by the Patient Education Department at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

The free hour-long programs will be conducted on four consecutive days, beginning September 9th at 2:30 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center. Topics include: "Introduction to Diabetes," "Diet and Diabetes," "Medications Used in the Treatment of Diabetes," and "Complications Related to Diabetes."

Registration is required. For more information, call the Patient Education Department, (413) 748-9024, between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. weekdays, or leave a message.

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Genesis Center In Ag. Announces Self-Help Course In Arthritis

The Genesis Center for Health and Rehabilitation is pleased to announce the offering of the Arthritis Self Help Course. The program will be held at the Center at 540 Meadow Street Extension in Agawam on Wednesdays from 2:00-4:00 p.m., beginning September 18th and concluding October 23rd.

Martha Bernstein and Rhoda Mandell, an occupational therapist at the Genesis Center for Health and Rehabilitation, participated in a training program at the Arthritis Foundation which enables them to offer the course locally. The program is designed to help people manage their arthritis, reduce pain, and deal with other problems associated with having arthritis. The Arthritis Foundation believes that people who self manage often feel better.

Among the topics covered in the Self Help Course are descriptions of the various types of arthritis, pain management, exercise, medications, and doctor-patient relations. "Participants will find they learn a great deal from each other. Rhoda and I only facilitate discussions and provide resources; the group participants really are the experts," commented Martha Bernstein from the Genesis Center for Health and Rehabilitation.

Registration information can be obtained by contacting the Genesis Center for Health and Rehabilitation at 789-3933. There is a \$25 registration fee, payable to the Arthritis Foundation, which covers the cost of a book and other course materials.

A full array of rehabilitation services are available at the Genesis Center for Health and Rehabilitation. For information on any of these services, including complimentary transportation for therapy appointments, please contact Martha Bernstein at 789-3933.

Creating Self-Esteem At Stress Institute

The special seminar "CREATING HIGH SELF-ESTEEM AND EMPOWERMENT FOR CHILDREN AGES 9 TO 14" is scheduled for Saturday, September 7th. The program will take place from 10:00 to 11:15 a.m. and will be led by Dr. Steve Sobel, director and founder of The New England Institute For Stress Management of West Springfield.

The program will be held at 425 Union Street in Springfield, and pre-registration is needed by calling 785-1259. The cost is \$10 per child and seating is limited.

Mercy Hospital Blood Donors Can Visit The Big E For Free

During September, donors at the Mercy Hospital Blood Bank can enjoy the sights and sounds of the Eastern States Exposition, free!

While supplies last, donors will receive free admission to the Big E, September 13th-29th, in West Springfield. This year marks the Big E's 75th anniversary, with a lineup of stars, shows, and exhibits that's not to be missed. Mercy Hospital is pleased to be of service to fairgoers again this year, as the sponsor of the First Aid and Lost People centers.

Giving the "Gift of Life" at the Mercy Hospital Blood Bank is also a good way to monitor your health. All donors receive a free mini-checkup that includes blood pressure, blood iron, and cholesterol testing.

Donors must be 18 or older (17 with parental consent) and weigh at least 110 pounds. Blood Bank hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Thursday, 8:15 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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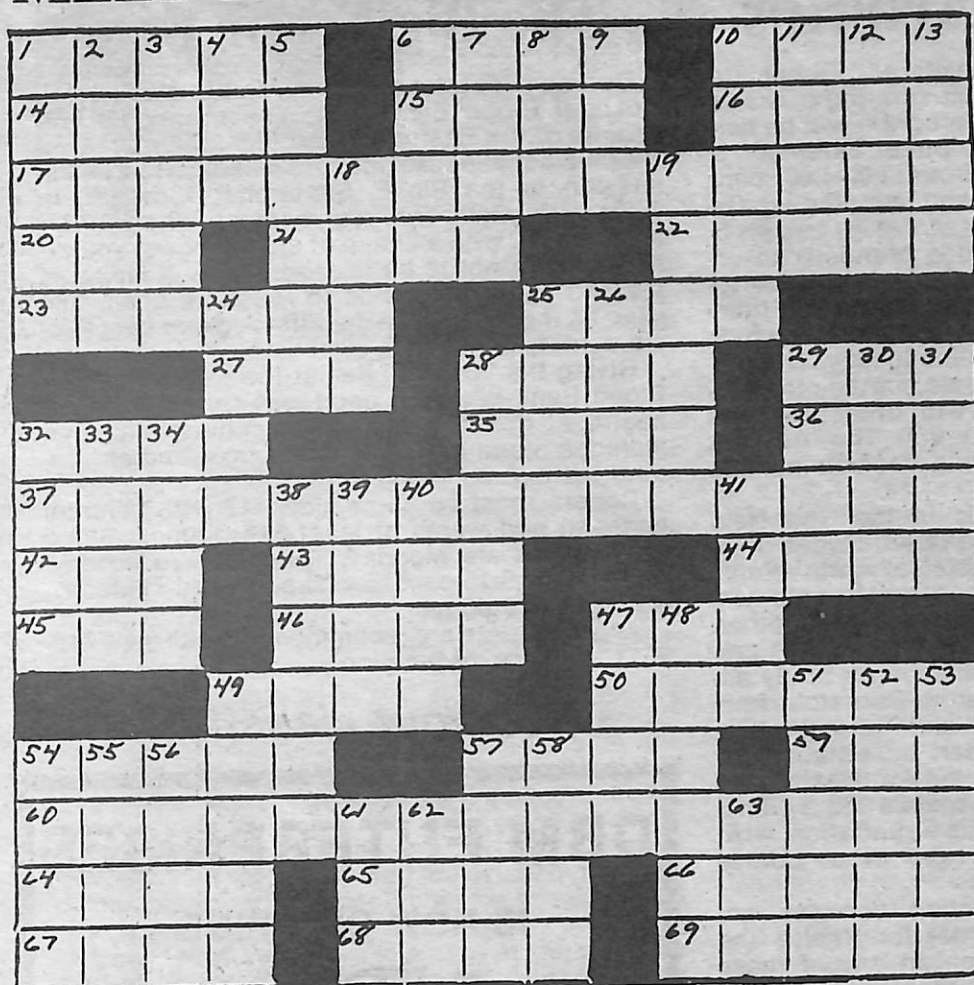
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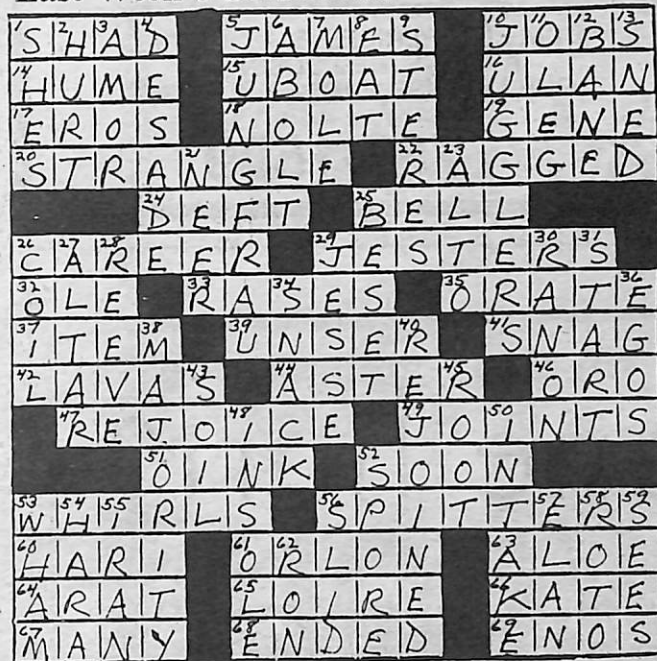
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45 Partner of eggs
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59 Suffix that forms diminutives
60 Take off
64 Napoleon's grand

Nat'l. Greek Art Exhibition To Present Awards At Glendi '96

A special event of Glendi '96 will be the presentation of awards at a reception for the artists of the 14th Annual National Greek Art Exhibition at Springfield's Greek Cultural Center on Sunday, Sept. 8th, at 2:30 p.m. The public is invited.

Presiding at the occasion will be former Greek Cultural Center Director James W. Shenias, chairman of the exhibition, who will introduce award winners and donors of awards.

Winner of the Glendi '96 \$200 Best in Show Award is "Champion," an admirably conceived and expertly executed collage by Marie Dolmas Lekorenus of Cambridge, Ohio. In its commentary on the recent Summer Olympics, the symbolic interlocking Olympic rings are obscured in deep purple darkness below the flaming red proclamation of the winner.

The Eva Hassiotis Deliso \$100 Merit Award will be presented to Joanna Karantzi of Springfield for her egg tempora with gold leaf "Madonna and Child," an authentically rendered Byzantine icon that movingly projects an image of tenderness, serenity, and peace.

Judith Phakos of Holyoke will receive the Charles and Esta Manthos \$100 Merit Award for the oil painting, "Real Life Study," a freely expressive nude study in the heightened, rosy flesh tones of Renoir's bathing scenes.

The William Shenias \$100 Merit Award will go to the watercolor, "Ya Ya" by Harry Bacopoulos of Holyoke, a touching family portrait at the bedside of a beloved grandmother.

The Michael and Margaret Kazalis \$50 Award will be presented to Artemis R. Romell of Amherst for her watercolor, "Impatiens," a deep pink and blue profusion of blossoms that reflect their colors in a faded rainbow background. Laurinda O'Connor of Milton will receive the Peter Vogian \$50 Award for her large scale pencil drawing of a nude "Reclining Figure." The Val Klenakis Memorial \$50 Sculpture Award will go to John Mongeau of Suffield, Connecticut, for "Cityscape," an open form construction of scrap metal that effectively embodies the idea of tall buildings intercepted by irregular patterns of light. Theo Martzoukos of Longmeadow will receive the Anastasia and Moschos Biakis \$50 Award for his stained glass "Spring is Here," a leaded glass construction picturing birds and flowers in a tondo design.

All art exhibitions will be open Friday, Sept. 6th, 4:00-9:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 7th and 8th, 11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Admission to Glendi '96, open daily to 11:00 p.m., is a \$2 Glendi Big Raffle Ticket, purchased in advance or at the gate. Children under 12 are free when accompanied by adult. Free security parking.

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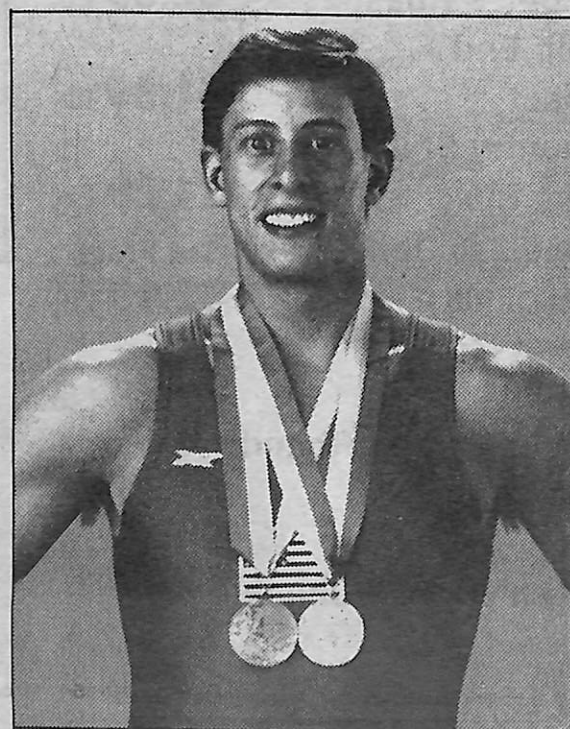
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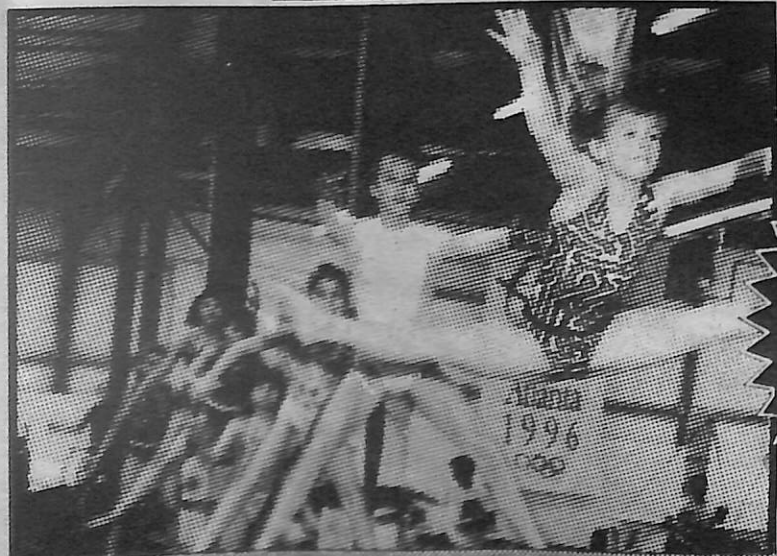
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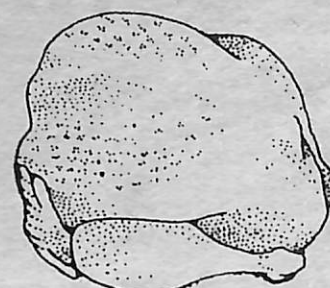
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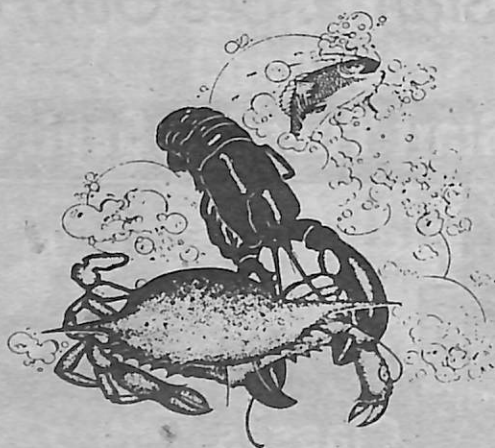
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Education



AGAWAM HIGH STUDENTS Brian Rondeau (left) and Erik Sunny were part of the student energy audit at the school under the supervision of Jr. High technology teacher John Burns. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Student Energy Audit At Agawam High Proves Energizing

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Last spring, 25 Agawam High School students joined the Energetics Project to become energy sleuths measuring and evaluating energy use at the school in an energy audit.

With a grant written by Junior High technology teacher John Burns, the students participated in the STEM Program presented in several daylong sessions at AHS by the Wilson Educational Associates.

Burns said the program provided the students with the training to evaluate energy consumption, compile and analyze data, and prepare reports detailing the results of their audit for the community.

Freshmen Brian Rondeau and Erik Sunny agreed that common sense and raising people's awareness of energy waste could result in substantial energy savings.

While many of the solutions to energy problems at AHS presented in the Energetics final report proved that saving money in energy costs carries a price tag, some of the solutions would cost little or nothing.

The report found that approximately \$400 could be saved by simply turning off the lights when a room is unoccupied and an estimated \$3,372 could be saved by closing the blinds and curtains at night to reduce heat loss in the winter.

Gene Stevens (Class of 1996), who will study architectural design at the Porter and Chester Institute, said the program helped with his career choice.

Stevens said he first became interested in studying energy consumption when a friend began taking a course to become certified in home energy auditing.

As part of the Energetics project, a World Wide Web site (URL <http://k12s.phast.umass.edu/~jburns>) has been posted as a resource to help answer energy audit questions and point people in the direction of finding their own answers to energy problems, Burns said.

The final action taken by the Energetics Project is involving the AHS Environmental Club (S.A.V.E.) in a grassroots initiative to establish a Styrofoam recycling effort in conjunction with the Conti Polymer Center at UMASS in the coming school year, Burns said.

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That's Our Bus...



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Two Agawam Students Attend Science In Transition Program

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

In the waning days of the school year when most students are looking forward to packing away their school supplies and plunging into the long, lazy days of summer, two Agawam Junior High students were looking forward to a journey into the wonders of exploring inner and outer space.

Accepted into the prestigious Science in Transition Program run by Central Connecticut State University, Maria Laudati and Melanie Poirier spent three weeks on the college campus delving into the secrets of space and the human body.

Barbara Willenbrock, who teaches eighth grade life science and seventh grade health classes, said the selective science program is designed to encourage students' individual interests in science with the goal of encouraging them to follow a career pathway in science.

"This is the second year we've had two students chosen for the program," Ms. Willenbrock said. "It's quite a coup for us to have two students going to the program."

Agawam's curriculum coordinator in science, Robert Sartwell, said the idea behind the program is to give eighth grade students with an interest in science an opportunity to explore one of four areas through lectures, field trips, and hands-on activities not normally possible in a classroom setting.

Sartwell said the program is meant to pique students' interest in science at the juncture when

they are moving from the more "hands-on" atmosphere of a Junior High School science class to Agawam High School, where classes tend to be based more on teacher demonstration than on student activity.

"The students will have the chance to do activities and experiments we're not able to here at school, like using a telescope at midnight to study the planets," Sartwell said.

Interested in a career as a forensic pathologist, Melanie said she was looking forward to a visit to the state forensic laboratory.

Maria, whose interest in studying outer space was partly sparked by her brother's experience in the program last year, said, "We'll be learning about gravity on Mars and whether or not people could live there."

Ms. Willenbrock said the program, funded largely through scholarships, is open to all eighth grade students who have been recommended by their science teachers.

"The students don't have to be excelling in science to be accepted," Ms. Willenbrock said. "They're looking especially for girls and sometimes for under-achievers to motivate them to work in the science field. We're very pleased to have had two girls accepted. The impression seems to be that science is just for guys and that's just not true."



AGAWAM STUDENTS Maria Laudati and Melanie Poirier attended the prestigious Science in Transition Program at Central Connecticut State University. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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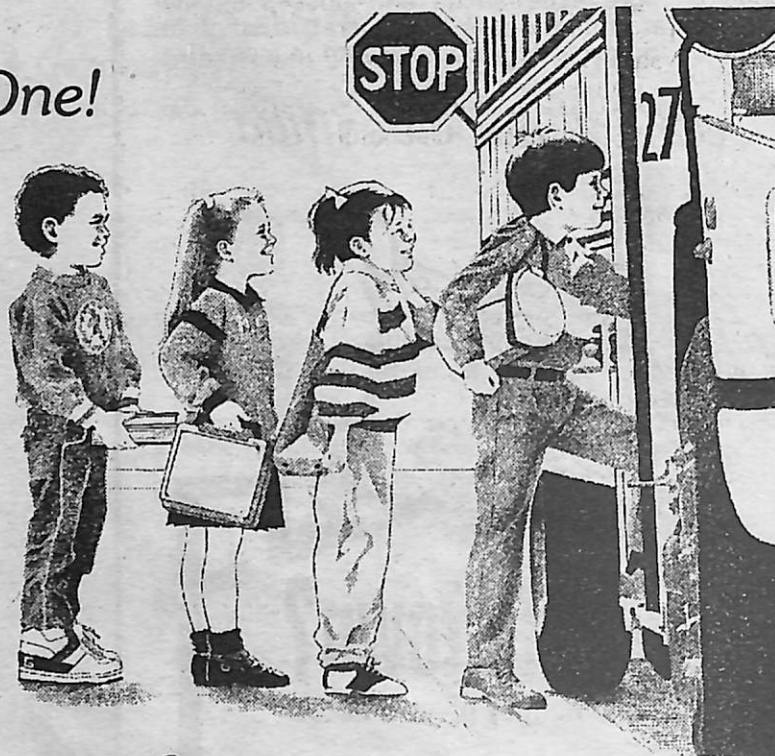
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Editorial Comment...

Exciting Things Ready To Go For AHS In '96-'97

by Joseph Zabielski
Principal - Agawam High School

The high school administrative team looks forward to the upcoming school year with great excitement and anticipation as many worthwhile and positive actions are about to be launched.

In the upcoming school year, a new career center and school-to-career program will begin under the direction of Mrs. Carol Grady, the high school's newly appointed School-To-Career Coordinator. This is a service that is designed to help students through career counseling, cooperative work study, and additional career related experiences.

Two other significant changes involve the phasing in of a discipline policy based on positive and negative consequences and the establishment of a Community Resource Officer within the school. The administration in cooperation with the Police Department, School Committee, and Superintendent will continue to work hard at the creation of a safe and secure school environment.

Class size is a highlight that the administration is very proud of. Over 90 percent of the scheduled classes will be between 20 to 25 students.

The challenge presented by the accreditation self study will be distinctly impacting the high school this year. This represents a golden opportunity to define and organize the direction of the school for the next 10 years. The school is looking forward to the input of the entire community in this endeavor.

It is a pleasure to report that several new staff members have been added to the high school faculty. Teachers have been added to the English, Social Studies, Math and World Language Departments. They are enthusiastic, unique, and possess very good credentials.

Technological improvement is also on the horizon. Mr. Ramah, the Technology Coordinator, will be purchasing equipment in an attempt to update the technology needs of the high school and the school system as a whole.

Though everything is not perfect about Agawam High School, a great deal is being done to create a brighter future. The administrative team is more experienced and possesses the energy, determination, and cooperative spirit to continue to move the school forward in a positive direction.

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Letter To The Senior Class Of AHS (Class Of 1997)

from Joseph Zabielski
Principal - Agawam High School

As seniors, this is your year: the culminating experience of many years of public education that started in childhood and ends in emerging adulthood. This is a special year for you — one of memories and challenges, and achievements and decision.

As your principal, I am looking forward to working with you in anticipation of this very important year.

I do not have to tell you about the special role that seniors play in any high school. This is especially true here, where the senior tradition is strong.

You are the leaders of this school. People look up to you; they look to you to set the tone and to provide the driving force that builds "spirit." Your maturity and attitude can definitely impact the type of year we will have.

Knowing this, I ask you to join me in a partnership to lead our school to new heights in achievement. Together, we can make this a great school year.

Being realistic, I must caution you. Do not pursue a path that will prevent you from receiving your diploma in June. The greatest threat to realizing this goal will be overconfidence and the false sense of security that comes from thinking that it can't happen to me. Believe me, it can.

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Robinson School Receives 3 Computers From Intel

Before the explosion of computer terminology into the vernacular, the phenomenon used to be called "having friends in the right places"; now, it's called "networking." It doesn't matter much what terminology you use, the end result is the same: it pays off.

Just ask the kids at Robinson Park School as they practice their math skills on the three complete computer systems recently donated to the school thanks to a friend at Intel Corporation.

Third grade teacher Catherine Camara explained their computer connection. "My daughter's boyfriend, Karl Mailman, is a systems analyst at Intel in California. He told me about their program of donating what they consider out-of-date computers to schools and our name went on the waiting list."

Mrs. Camara said they were thrilled to receive three brand new 486 computers complete with mouse and monitor rather than the used equipment they had expected.

Principal William Sapelli said the school now has a computer in every room, including the library, due to the innovative programs in the business sector designed to help schools acquire computers.

"This has been very helpful to us," Sapelli said. "The kids are so open to learning opportunities and they learn so quickly. It's amazing how much the kids who have computers at home already know. This is great because the kids who have no computer skills learn from the kids who do."

In addition to using the computers in writing and desktop publishing, the students will be using programs in all areas of the curriculum, Sapelli said.

Mrs. Camara said the computers are particularly helpful for individualized work on specific skills, especially in math.

"If one of the kids is having trouble with addition or subtraction, they can just plug into the program," Mrs. Camara said. "The kids love it and they don't even realize they're learning."



UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYE of teacher Catherine Camara, third graders Eric Reiprich and Carolyn Rudderforth practice on the new 486 computers from Intel at Robinson Park School before school ended. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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U.S. SENATOR JOHN F. KERRY presented 500 nutrition textbooks to the Agawam Schools. Above, School Committee member Rosemary Sandlin represented the Agawam Schools in accepting the donation.

Senator Kerry Presents Nutrition Textbooks To Agawam Schools

U.S. Senator John F. Kerry recently presented 500 nutrition textbooks to the Agawam School District. Rosemary Sandlin of the Agawam School Committee accepted the textbooks, "Nutrition - Eating for Good Health," that were donated by the Department of Agriculture at Kerry's request.

"I am pleased to be able to present these books to Agawam schools," Kerry said. "Providing a good education for our kids is the key to our future - it means job creation and an ability to compete for jobs in the global marketplace."

"Several weeks ago, I asked Senator Kerry if he could look into the availability of any textbooks which the school system could use. I never expected to hear back from him so quickly," Sandlin said. "Thanks to his responsiveness, we have saved local taxpayers money and have been able to provide new textbooks for our students."

Kerry has expressed concern that Massachusetts is 46th in the nation for the physical conditions of its schools, and 49th in hooking up its schools to the Internet.

The books, which would have cost Agawam over \$10,000 to purchase, will be used as part of the school system's health education curriculum. The Department of Agriculture made these books available as part of a series of nutrition books published over the years.

West Spfld. Boys' And Girls' Club Is Taking 1996-97 Applications

The West Springfield Boys' and Girls' Club is now accepting applications for the 1996-97 school year program.

The cost is \$40 per child, effective from September 9, 1996 through May 30, 1997. An after-school busing program is also available.

For more information, call the club at 736-1831.

Rebecca J. Wing Earns \$1,000 Scholarship From Arnold Industries

Rebecca J. Wing of Feeding Hills is the recipient of a \$1,000 Arnold Industries Scholarship Foundation Award. Rebecca will begin her freshman year of college at Quinnipiac College in Hamden, CT, where she will major in Physical Therapy.

A 1996 graduate of Agawam High School, Rebecca was inducted into the National Honor Society. She was class secretary during her freshman year, and class vice president from her sophomore year through her senior year. Additionally, she was appointed treasurer of Quill and Scroll and Associate Editor of the yearbook.

Rebecca was also involved with scholastic sports participating four years on the varsity field hockey team, and 3½ years on the varsity softball team. In both sports, she was part of the All-League selection and Second Team All-Western Mass. selection.

Rebecca is the daughter of Gary and Deborah Wing. Her father is a truck driver for New Penn Motor Express in Springfield, MA.

The Arnold Industries Scholarship Foundation has been established by Arnold Industries, Inc., of Lebanon, PA, to provide one-year scholarships to the qualified children of employees of Arnold subsidiaries.



REBECCA J. WING

Seventh Grade "Orientation Night" Set For Junior High School On Sept. 3rd

In an effort to welcome and familiarize incoming seventh grade students with their new school, the Agawam Junior High School will conduct a "Seventh Grade Orientation Night" on Tuesday, September 3, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. in the junior high auditorium.

At that time, students and parents will have the opportunity to tour the building and to acquaint themselves with school policies and programs as reviewed by school principal Kevin C. Littlefield

and assistant principal Marc V. Costanzi.

To make it easier for seventh graders on opening day, signs stating teachers' names and room numbers will be placed throughout the building, and additional teachers will be assigned to homerooms to help with lockers and class schedules.

Both seventh and eighth grade students will attend opening day classes on Wednesday, September 4, 1996.

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Registration for the fall semester of the Agawam Education Program will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings, September 9th and 11th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Agawam High School guidance office.

Registration will also be held during the first week of classes on Monday, September 16th, and Wednesday, September 18th, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Agawam High School guidance office.

Classes will begin on Monday, September 16th, and run for 10 weeks, ending on December 2nd.

The tuition charge is \$70 per course and is payable at the time of registration. No refunds will be given after the second class meeting.

Tuition will be refunded if there is an insufficient number of students registered for a course(s). The administration reserves the right to cancel course(s) for lack of registration.

Those persons interested in working toward a high school diploma should bring with them a transcript of any course work completed since ninth grade.

The following is a list of courses and the nights they are being offered this semester:

Monday Classes (6:30 to 9:30 p.m.)

English 11, English 12, General Science, World History, Algebra II, Geometry, EXCEL, Algebra I, Conversational Spanish

Wednesday Classes (6:30 to 9:30 p.m.)

English 9, English 10, U.S. History, Chemistry, General Math, Computer Concepts, Microsoft WORD, Oil Painting, Conversational Italian

STCC To Begin Taking Registrations For Courses At AHS

Registration is now going on at the Springfield Technical Community College campus, and registration will start August 29th at Agawam High School for the fall semester STCC evening courses to be held at the high school. Classes will begin on Tuesday, September 10th.

A selection of STCC's most popular courses will again be offered in Agawam for the convenience of area residents. Courses are scheduled from 6:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. or 6:00 to 9:45 p.m., depending on the number of credits. The semester ends December 10th.

Credit courses are offered on Tuesday evenings and include Accounting I, Principles of Marketing, American Literature: Colonial to 1860, and Principles of Normal/Abnormal Behavior.

Registration at the STCC campus is available Monday through Wednesday and on Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Thursdays 8:00 to 8:00. Beginning August 26th, hours are Monday to Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday 8:00 to 4:00, and Saturday 9:00 to noon. Payment may be made by check, Visa, Discover, or MasterCard. You may also register by phone or by fax.

Registration at Agawam High School will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 29th; Tuesday, September 3rd; and Tuesday, September 10th. Textbooks will be available for purchase at the first meeting of each class, and must be paid for with cash or check.

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On Mondays, children aged 1½ to 2½ are the focus of our PLAYGROUP, offering free play activity. On Tuesdays, those 2½ to 3½, without older siblings, are welcome in our TODDLER TIME with stories, craft, and free play to follow.

On Wednesdays, preschoolers aged 3½ to five, along with any younger siblings, are invited to our PRESCHOOL STORYTIME with age-appropriate stories, craft, and free play to follow. Thursdays offer the same to preschoolers aged 3½ to five but without younger siblings.

All programs start the week of September 16th and begin at 10:00 a.m. Register by calling 789-1550 or stopping by at 750 Cooper Street.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Wednesday, September 4th: Oven-baked chicken nuggets, honey and sweet & sour sauce, seasoned diced carrots, whipped potatoes, bread and butter, rosy applesauce, milk.

Thursday, September 5th: Rotini with meat and spaghetti sauce, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and Italian dressing, Italian bread and butter, chilled peaches, milk.

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Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council recently held their annual **Awards and Recognition evening** for adults and senior girls. Six Agawam Girl Scout volunteer adults were recognized at this event.

Four leaders received an "Outstanding Leader Award." This award "recognizes outstanding leadership qualities in the delivery of Girl Scout program to girls."

These women were **Sharon Rozanski** from Jr. No. 547; **Joan Smith** from Jr. No. 540; and **Joan Couture** and **Nancy Foley** both from Jr. No. 555.

In addition, "Outstanding Volunteer Awards" were presented to **Linda Montagna** and **Donna Shaw**. They have been responsible for distributing thousands of boxes of Girl Scout cookies between the cookie company, "Cookie Moms," and girls in Agawam for eight years now.

There were also eight Girl Scout leaders who received personalized Girl Scout mugs at the end of the year. These serve as a thank-you and remembrance gift to retiring leaders and/or leaders that have been a special help to the Agawam unit. Receiving mugs were **Laura Albano**, **Sandy Dubay**, **Debbie Frazzetta**, **Helen Manning**, **Chris Marsh**, **Cathy Richards**, **Donna Shibley**, and **Lesley Young**.

Congratulations go out to these 14 dedicated women for their awards! Many girls have benefited in countless ways from your going the extra mile and taking the extra time to see that good Girl Scout program happens in Agawam.

While ending one year and beginning another, it is also fitting to say thank-you to the many community organizations that have provided Agawam Girl Scouts with assistance by letting us use their buildings and materials.

A special **Thank You** to the **Agawam Junior Women's Club** for their donation. The Agawam leaders voted to purchase a 20' parachute and

resource book that all troops could use. The parachute was delivered the end of May and has already been borrowed several times. It surely will be put to good use!

Thanks go to the following churches for their help: Agawam Congregational; Feeding Hills Congregational; Sacred Heart; St. David's; St. John's; Valley Community.

Also, thank you to the Agawam Library, Agawam School Department, Country Estates, Heritage Hall, Rollaway, Agawam Senior Center, Polish Club, and Turnverein Club.

Whatever would we do without the assistance we have gotten from the above facilities? You all do make such a difference in our ability to provide Girl Scout program in our community.

TRAVEL NEAR AND FAR: Many troops combined their cookie profits, some dues, and a parent's share or contribution to take an end-of-the-year trip. Some troops stayed near to home, others ventured out much further.

One of the most ambitious was Junior No. 553, that has been having can and bottle drives since last summer to save for a bus trip to Washington, D.C. for several days. They finally made it the end of June!

Two other adventurous troops, **Junior No. 555** and **Brownie No. 581**, pooled their resources and rented a bus to Plimoth Plantation to visit Mayflower 11, Plimoth Rock, and plantation homes from long ago.

Quite a few troops chose to camp at the Girl Scout camp, Camp Bonnie Brae, in East Otis, MA. Among them were **No. 540**, **No. 546**, **No. 549**, **No. 552**, **No. 553**, **No. 556**, and **No. 563**. Hats off to **Daisy No. 566** and **Brownie No. 586**, who celebrated their first day adventure at CBB by hiking, swimming, and making some o's.

Brownie No. 584 attended the council program, "Open My Eyes," to introduce Brownies to CBB. **Cadette No. 552** kept busy this summer by attending Agatha Christie's play, "The Unexpected Guest," at Mt. Holyoke's adult summer theater, and also by an all-day trip to New York to the Great Escape amusement park.

Junior No. 556 tackled the Mt. Tom Water Slide and Wave Pool at the end of July; **Brownie No. 564** visited the Mystic Sea Aquarium, and **Brownie No. 558** practiced orienteering and went on a riverboat ride at Northfield Mt.

Did we forget any troop's trip? Perhaps leaders and girls can write in and tell us where they ventured.

"Back To School" Updates From Agawam High School

All students should be aware of the fact that school opens for everyone on September 4th. Upper classes are to report along with the ninth grade students on September 4th.

First period starts at 7:25 a.m. All students should arrive at school much earlier in order to pick up their schedules.

Seniors and Juniors are to pick up their schedules in the gym. Sophomores are to pick up their schedules in the cafeteria. Freshmen are to report to the auditorium for their schedules and an orientation assembly.

Helpful Tips For First-Time Students

Young children crying uncontrollably as their parents drop them off at school. This scene is repeated all across the country as kindergartners and other first-time students head into the classroom.

According to Susan Cary, M.D., a child psychiatrist at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, "crying scenes" are a major cause of back-to-school stress for parents and young students alike.

"Often times, parents become distressed because their children are leaving home alone for the first time to begin a new life at school. The children sense their parents' apprehension, and become distressed themselves," she said.

Dr. Cary also noted that children may resist going to school if they are nervous or unsure about what they will be doing there.

The following tips can help lessen the anxiety that parents and their children typically feel as the first day of school quickly approaches:

- Visit the school with your child before the big first day arrives.
- Visit your child's classroom.
- Talk to your child's teacher on the first day of school and introduce your child to her or him.
- Have your child talk to students in your neighborhood who already attend the school.
- Have an older sibling who already attends the school talk to your child about what to expect.
- Tell your child what time he or she will be home by. This is most effective if you choose a certain time that the young child can understand, such as, "You will be home by lunchtime."

"Having separation anxiety or feeling nervous is a normal developmental stage that children go through. Showing children their school and answering all of their questions before the school year begins eases their anxiety and makes back-to-school time more enjoyable for both parent and child," Dr. Cary said.

Agawam Junior High School PTO News

IMPORTANT DATES:

September 3rd - seventh grade open house.
September 23rd - seventh and eighth grade open house.

September 30th - PTO meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

We are *desperately* seeking people to help with our fundraiser. The following dates are when help is needed: September 23rd, 25th, 27th, 30th, and October 2nd.

We are currently seeking *four* parents of Junior High School students to serve on the School Council. Please call the school at 789-1400, ext. 460, and leave your name if interested, or call Donna M. Shibley at 786-3888.

If you can help with the fundraiser or need more information, please call Donna M. Shibley.

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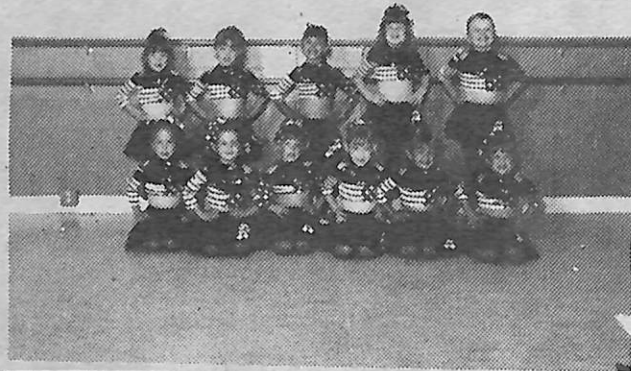


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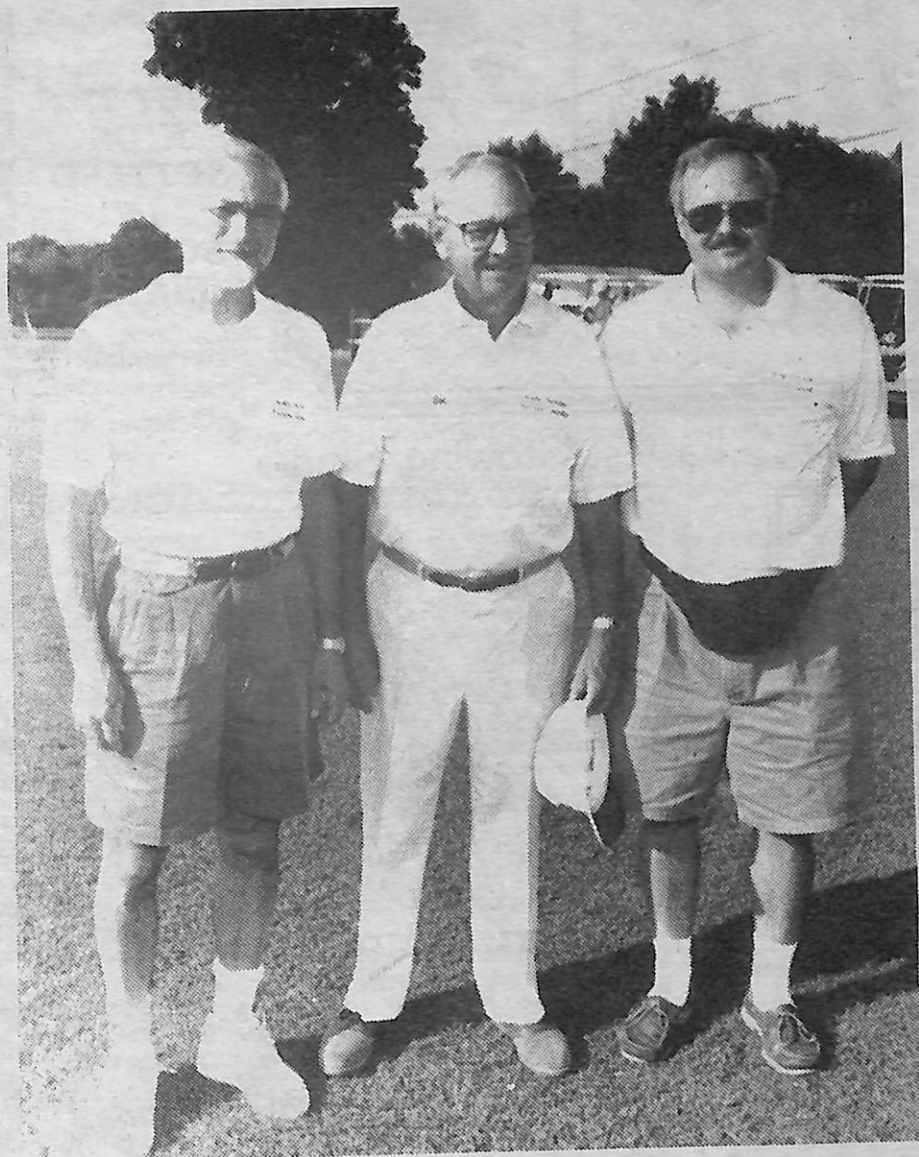
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THE NINE ANNUAL TIMOTHY SUNSTROM Memorial Golf Tournament was held on Sunday, August 18th at Agawam Country Club. Some of those who participated included, from left - George Saucier, Bob Boulrice, Tim Herlihy, Agnes Fleming, Suzanne Herlihy, and Kathy Turner. RELATED PHOTO ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Sunstrom Golf Tournament Raises Funds For Annual Scholarship

The ninth Annual Timothy Sunstrom Memorial Golf Open was held Sunday, August 18, 1996 at the Agawam Country Club, followed by a smorgasbord at the John Boyle O'Reilly Club in Springfield.

The Timothy Sunstrom Scholarship has donated more than \$9,000 to Western Massachusetts students.

Timothy was a graduate of Agawam High School and an avid golfer. He died of leukemia in 1987.

The committee, consisting of Bob Boulrice, John J. Martin, Bill Brutnell, Lee Maynard, Tim Herlihy, and George Saucier, thanks everyone who has participated and eagerly looks forward to the 10th Anniversary Tournament in August 1997.

Athletic Happenings At Agawam High

SEPTEMBER 4, 1996: 2:15 p.m., Media Day
SEPTEMBER 5, 1996: 7:00 p.m., Back-To-Sport-Night (Mandatory for all student-athletes and a parent/guardian to attend.)

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Sunstrom Fund Benefits From Golf Tourney



THE NINTH ANNUAL TIMOTHY SUNSTROM MEMORIAL Golf Tournament was held on Sunday, August 18th at the Agawam Country Club. IN PHOTO LEFT, some of the participants included Bill Quinn, Matt Dooney, Mike O'Shea, and Tim O'Shea. IN PHOTO RIGHT, the first place team included Jude Prych, Bill Blair, Ryan Blair, and Greg Maynard. RELATED PHOTOS & STORY ON PREVIOUS PAGE.

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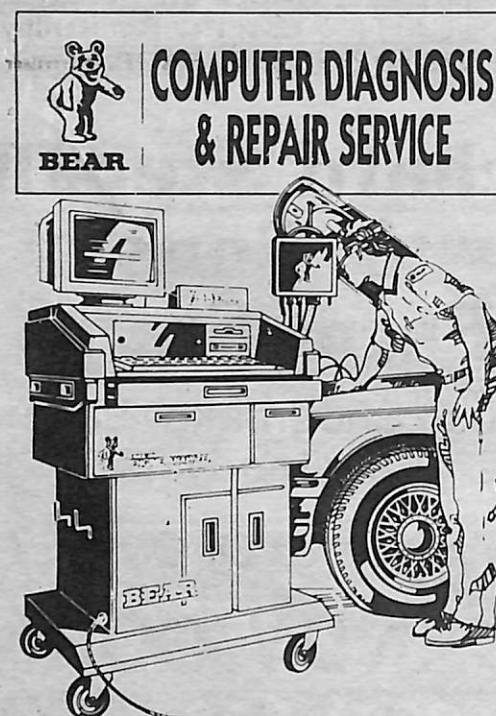
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UMass Women's Team To Play Fairfield U At Agawam High

The UMass women's soccer team will take on Fairfield University in a regular season game at Agawam High School on August 31st at 7:00 p.m. The game is being sponsored by Reebok and the Agawam Junior Women's Club, and proceeds will benefit Agawam athletics.

Admission for adults is \$4, and students and children are \$2. Tickets can be purchased at the gate.

The game will highlight a big weekend of soccer in Agawam, as the Riverside Classic soccer tournament is held this weekend.

Oxbow Ski Show Team To Conclude Season With Sept. 1st Show

The Oxbow Ski Show Team will be presenting its season closer on Sunday, September 1st, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., with the rain date on Monday, September 2nd, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Oxbow Ski Club. Bring your lawn chairs for an enjoyable show.

For more information on this event, please contact Bob or Rose at (413) 583-3162.

Players Needed For Rec. Dept. Men's Volleyball League

The Agawam Parks & Recreation Department is looking for a few more participants to complete the roster for a team in the Men's Volleyball League.

Any male 18 years or older (and out of high school) who would like to play volleyball on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., should contact the Recreation Office at 786-0400, ext. 456.

Agawam U12 Tigers Reach Tourney Finals



THE AGAWAM TIGERS, an U12 Pioneer Valley girls' soccer team sponsored by the Agawam Soccer Association, reached the finals of the South Windsor Summer Soccer Classic held on the weekend of August 24th and 25th. This is the second consecutive tournament the Tigers have reached the finals. Team members are (back row) - Tayrn Albano, Coach Joe Ruhl, Kim Hoague, Jennifer Sharpe, Melissa Savenko, Erin McLane, Brittany Theriaque, Aimee Beaudette, Victoria Ruhl, and Coach Ed Brown. Front row - Sherri Laskowski, Whitney Brown, Meaghan Brown, Danielle Cirillo, Trisha Fitchben, Kaitlin Sardella, Vicky Taylor, and Nicole Sadak.

Suburban Hoop Sign-ups By AAA

Robert Hersey, president of the Agawam Athletic Association, today announced that sign-ups for the 1996-1997 Suburban Basketball Season will be held on Tuesday, September 10th, in the Agawam Junior High Gym from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Sign-ups will be for the following teams: 7th/8th grade boys, 7th/8th grade girls, 5th/6th grade boys, and 5th/6th grade girls. The AAA will attempt to have "B" teams for the 7th/8th grade boys and 7th/8th grade girls teams.

The AAA will not be in charge of any of the in-town basketball programs this year. This responsibility is being assumed by the Town of Agawam.

There will be no registration fee charged at the sign-ups. Tryout dates will be announced at the sign-ups.

For further information, please contact Robert Hersey at 786-2979 between noon and 4:00 p.m.

Berkshire Power Again Plans Golf Tourney To Benefit AHS Sports

The Second Annual Berkshire Power/Agawam High School Athletic Department Golf Fundraiser will take place on September 14th at the Agawam Country Club. The tournament will utilize a shotgun format beginning at 8:00 a.m.

The tournament is limited to 144 golfers. The cost is \$40 (same as last year) and includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, and a cookout. Gifts will be given to all participants. There is a closest to the pin and longest drive contest as well.

Hole sponsorships and raffle prizes are being sought. Hole sponsorships are \$50. Any raffle prizes may be dropped off at Agawam High School.

Applications and hole sponsorship forms are available at the Main Office or the Director of Athletics Office at Agawam High School.

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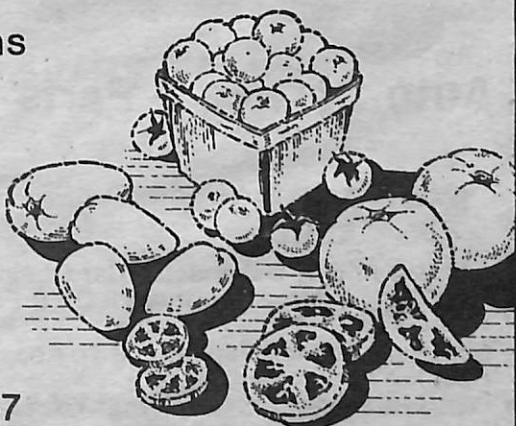
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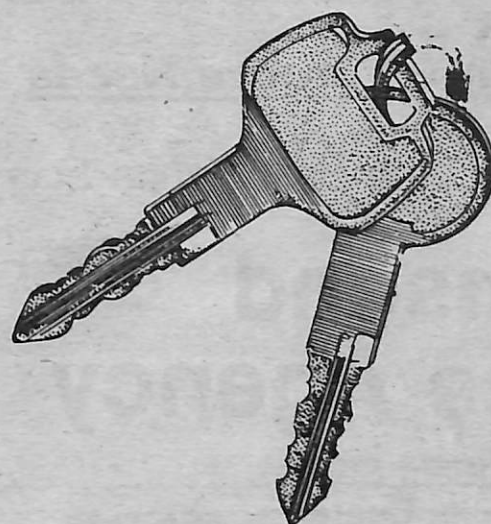
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Agawam Summer Soccer League...

Cinderella Shows Up To Win Soccer Title

Last Sunday afternoon, the Agawam Summer Soccer Six-On-Six League held its championship playoffs. All 12 clubs in the league saw action. The eventual winner, Argentina, was a bit of a Cinderella story. They came in as the seventh seed overall and took the title game, 2-1, over top-seeded Team USA.

Team USA, second-seeded Greece, number three Nigeria, and fourth-seeded Mexico also receive first-round byes in the single elimination tournament, held at St. John's Field on Leonard Street. But the first-round contests provided plenty of early action and some disappointments as well.

A big shocker came at the get-go, as 12th-seeded Germany (2-11-1, regular season), which had gone five games without a goal to close out the regular season, upset fifth-seeded Italy (8-4-2, regular season), 2-1. Italy came in as the 1995 defending champions. But a goal by Germany's **Barry Ward**, plus a mistake that saw Italy score an own goal, was enough to boot them out of the competition. Italy's lone score came off the foot of **Todd Godfrey**.

Ireland (4-7-3, regular season) came in seeded ninth. They got into the second round when eighth seed Holland (5-6-3) had to forfeit due to lack of players. (Ditto sixth seed Brazil (7-5-2), which reached the second round when number 11 France (3-11-0) came up with a short roster.) The final game in the first round was a blowout as Argentina (6-5-3) headed for the gold by beating England (4-9-1) the number 10 seed, 9-3.

The top seeds made their debut in the second round. Three of the four grabbed victories. Team USA (10-2-2 regular season) handed Ireland a 6-0 bagel. **Peter Bitzas** had two goals for USA, which jumped out to a 4-0 first-half lead and cruised the rest of the way. Germany might have had some Cinderella dreams of their own, but Mexico (9-3-2) turned them into a nightmare with a 10-4 win. Nigeria (7-6-1) aced Brazil, 3-0. And Argentina surprised Greece (9-4-1), 5-2.

Two Completely Different Games

The semi-finals saw two completely different games, each with its own brand of excitement. Team USA seemed to have things under control against Mexico.

Goals by **Peter Bitzas** and **Mike Domaingue** had the top seed up 2-0 at the half. But number four Mexico fought back in the second half. Mexico's

Jay Hanscom scored to make it 2-1, USA. **Bitzas** hit his second tally of the game to put USA up 3-1. Mexico, behind some fine goaltending by **Tracy Goodrow** (23 saves), stopped some furious offensive thrusts by the top seed as they threatened to widen their margin. **Terrance Kelly** put one in to make it 3-2, USA.

At the end, Mexico had a big rush on Team USA's goal. But the clock was against them and time ran out. The 3-2 victory put Team USA into the finals for the second straight year.

Argentina, playing more like a top seed than a club with a lowly seven spot in the draw, mauled Nigeria 13-3 in their semi-final contest. Nigeria's **Tim Conklin**, who scored two goals in his team's second round win over Brazil, commented (at the half with his team down 7-3) that Argentina rattled them by scoring five unanswered goals.

But the third seed had no answers in the second half, either. Argentina's **Mike Shea** had eight goals. Also for Argentina, **Scott Dinsmore** got the hat trick, and **Nino Manes** hit the back of the net twice.

Team USA was an odds-on favorite in the finals. They'd defeated Argentina 2-1 in their final game of the regular season. But Argentina's Shea wasn't that impressed. The former Agawam and Merrimack College soccer star commented before the game that they had done well against all the top seeded teams during the season.

Team USA Puts On Pressure Early

Team USA put on the pressure early. **Dan Balboni** and **Peter Bitzas** were coordinating quick drives up the field that resulted in hard, close shots on the Argentina net. Only some acrobatic stops by Argentina keeper **Bryan O'Quinn** (9 first-half saves, 17 overall) prevented USA from putting points on the board.

Shea, who is 6'4" and a good dribbler and passer, blocked the middle and put together some drives of his own. USA's **Mike Knodler, Sr.**, playing some tough "D," challenged the big man on more than one occasion and rode him off the ball. And midway through the 20-minute first half, Team USA had the offensive edge, spending more time in the Argentina zone than the underdogs spent in theirs. USA's **Jeff Rousseau** was also quick to the ball, which further disrupted Argentina's offensive scheme.

But sometimes being a bit too aggressive can backfire, as USA discovered late in the half. Shea

was rumbling down midfield behind the USA defense. He got a nice lead pass 20 feet out and beat USA goalie **Chris Wilkie** (12 total saves) high left. After that score, USA put on extra pressure and constantly buzzed the Argentina net. But they met a stiff defense, buoyed by Shea's goal. The half ended, 1-0, Argentina.

Argentina played inspired soccer through the first eight minutes of the second half. So inspired, for that matter, that USA didn't get a shot on goal for that time period. There was a moment of concern for the seventh seed, however. Shea, attempting to steal the ball from Mike Knodler, Sr., went down with cramps in both legs. He had to leave. There are six players on the field for each team. Argentina, with only seven for the game, suddenly had no reserves.

That development gave USA some juice. **Tim Hoyle** had a sure goal at the 10-minute mark, but his 15-footer out in front hit the left post.

Shea finally came back in. But no one could stop **Mike Knodler, Jr.** He took a pass on the left side of Argentina's goal and angled one into the far right corner to tie it up at one all.

Both teams began to concentrate on tight defense then. Regulation ended in the 1-1 tie.

A five-minute overtime didn't change anything, even though USA had four shots on goal, compared to one for Argentina. It was also getting dark.

Time For A Shoot-Out

It was time for a shoot-out. It was also deja vu for Team USA. Last year, they lost the championship game to Italy in a shoot-out as darkness descended on the festivities. This shoot-out was just as exciting. Argentina led 3-2, with shooters running out. **Tim Hoyle** managed to put one past O'Quinn to tie it at three. An Argentina miss sent the game into a sudden death battle. It ended quickly.

A Team USA miss on the first shot brought Argentina's **Bill Maroni** into a fast fading spotlight. In the gathering gloom, he drilled home the game winner for a 2-1 Argentina victory.

Later, the Agawam High (soon to be) senior noted that he put the ball just where he wanted it to go. "I worked real hard this summer on my free and penalty kicks," he said. Bill hopes to grab a spot on the AHS varsity boys' soccer team this fall.

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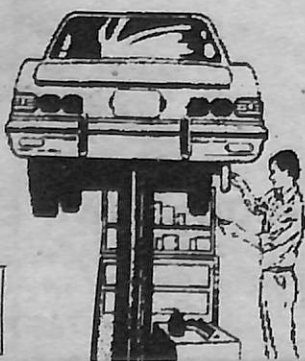
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Fishing The Ocean...

The hot days of summer usually spell cold fishing action. That is unless you are fishing the ocean. Such a large body of water takes a long time to heat up and an equally long time to cool down.

Action on stripers and blues has remained consistent throughout much of the summer. Charter boats and party boat anglers have been scoring consistently on bass and blues at such locations as the Race, Plumb Gut, and Valiant Rock.

These Long Island Sound locations are magnets for bait fish and predators. One of the most effective ways to fish these underwater humps is to use a three-way rig. Three-waying a live eel has produced some very nice stripers and some hefty blues.

For the benefit of those anglers who are unfamiliar with the three-way rig, perhaps the following explanation will help.

To make the rig, take a three-way swivel. Attach the top ring to the business end of your fishing line. Attach a leader of about three feet to the bottom end of the rig. This is the leader that your sinker should be attached to. I advise using a leader that is about half of the breaking strength of your line. Should the sinker hang up, you will lose the sinker but save the rest of the rig.

The third ring of the three-way rig should have about three feet of 30- to 60-pound test leader attached to it. This terminates with a live bait hook, which is run through the lips or nostrils of the eel.

Variations on this rig include using a bucktail jig and pork rind trailer. Whether you are using the eel or jig combo, this is a deadly package for scoring in otherwise tough to fish areas. The size of the sinker should be dictated by the depth and speed of the water.

As the water temperatures start to cool and the days get shorter, the fall migration of fish should get under way. This is the best time of the year to be on the ocean. While the pleasure boaters are putting their boats away for the year, this is the time to get going! The best is yet to come!

FISH REPORTS FRESH WATER

Congamond Lakes continue to produce respectable largemouths and some oversized pickerel, according to Kurt at Saunders Marina. Trout action has been slow, as the fish are holding in deep water.



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM held a benefit car wash in the Sacred Heart Church parking lot on Saturday, August 24th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Hampton Ponds have a fish report that is almost the same as Congamond. Deep weedlines are producing some trophy-sized largemouth. Plastic worms, Gitzits, and jigs are scoring.

Valley streams are running low and trout are spooky. A careful approach and well-placed offerings will produce some nice holdovers.

SALT WATER

Long Island Sound to Montauk is producing steady striper action. Bluefish are not as abundant as in past year, but concentrations can be found at the Race, the Sluiceway, and Plumb Gut. Surf fishermen have been scoring at river mouths, and night tides have produced some heavyweights.

Rhode Island beaches as well as the breachways have produced some recent action for surf fishermen and jetty jockeys. Live eels and traditional favorites such as Mambo Minnows and Rebels have been effective.

Offshore action is act the in-between state. Sharking has tapered off but is far from over. Tuna action is just getting started. By mid-September, yellowfin and big-eye tuna should be readily available.

Dal Molin Committee Plans Golf Tourney

The Thomas Dal Molin Scholarship Committee will be holding its Third Annual Golf Tournament on Sunday, September 15th with tee times starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Agawam Country Club, Southwick Street, Feeding Hills.

The cost for the event is \$65 and includes golf, a cart, prizes, lunch at the ninth hole, and a complete dinner at Ferruccio's (across from Riverside Park in Agawam). The price of dinner alone is \$22.

A Tee or Green can be sponsored for \$25. Anyone interested in sponsoring, donating, or participating in the tournament can call Kip (786-9773) or Mary Lou (786-1959) for more information.

Thomas DalMolin was an Agawam High School graduate who passed away in 1992 from a brain tumor. Since that time, the money raised at the Hockey and Golf Tournaments have been awarded to Agawam High School graduates who have participated in high school hockey, soccer, or golf.

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TAEKWON-DO STUDENTS Holly Kowal and Brett Stevens attended the World Junior TaeKwon-Do Championships in Prague earlier this summer.

Two Students Of TaeKwon-Do Win Jr. World Medals

Two area teens have won medals for the United States Junior TaeKwon-Do Team coached by Raymond Shugart, a fourth degree black belt who owns and operates Hwang's School of TaeKwon-Do in Feeding Hills.

Holly Kowal of Westfield captured a silver medal in power breaking and a bronze medal in the team specialty event (jumping) at the World Junior TaeKwon-Do Championship held in Prague, Czech Republic in July.

Brett Stevens of Blandford participated in free sparring in the micro-weight division.

Holly is a 17 year-old at Westfield High School. She has been studying TaeKwon-Do for 10 years. She is a second degree black belt. She plans to go to a four year college and hopes to major in psychology. She also enjoys lacrosse.

Brett is a 14 year-old at Gateway Regional High School in Huntington. He holds two black belts - one in karate and one in TaeKwon-Do. He also enjoys four wheeling and playing basketball.

Both are students of Raymond Shugart at his school in Feeding Hills. Next year the World Championships will be held in New Delhi, India.

Dragon Wins First Busch National At Riverside Since 1988 Victory

It was promoted as the biggest event of the 1996 season — the "NAPA Auto Parts 125" for the Busch Grand National North, held at Riverside Park Speedway in Agawam on Saturday, August 24th.

Still, the Busch cars were just one of the "stars" of this show, as Riverside's own Winston Racing Series division took some of the spotlight in the Tom Scranton Motors sponsored events. Bobby Dragon secured his first Busch Grand National win at Riverside since 1988 in the NAPA Auto Parts 125. Dave Dion was second, and third was Mike Stefanik over Andy Santerre and Riverside's own Tom Carey, Jr.

In the NASCAR four-type Modified feature, it was Dave Berube in the winner's circle for victory number two, thereby expanding his point lead by 12 points. Second was again Ted Riggott; Riggott, with his consistent style, is still in third (22 points behind). Second-place point contender Tom Jensen finished in third.

Ted Riggott led from the start of the Scranton Pontiac/NAPA Auto Parts 50 for the Modifieds. By lap number three, Dave Berube moved from fourth into the lead. However, Reggie Ruggiero, Richie Gallup, and Tony Papale were all factors in this race.

On lap 24, Ruggiero, Tim Deroin, Ed Spiers, and Wade Cole made contact and brought out a caution. As the field grouped back to the line, Renee Dupuis and Eric LeClair made contact. The battle to watch was not only for the lead, but in the back as Gallup and Ruggiero were charging forward.

As the checker came out, it was Dave Berube in for the win worth \$1,200 in the NAPA Auto Parts special. Second was Ted Riggott (International Auto Body) over Tom Jensen (sponsor wanted), Richie Gallup (Phil Lauro Law), and Tony Papale (Teto Racing).

Sixth through 10th were Reggie Ruggiero (Ed Oles), Richard Savary (C&W Horse), Ed Spiers (S.A.H. Electric), Rob Summers (Newtown Electric), and Brian Schofield (C&P Construction).

"This win is very important; it could be the deciding factor in the 1996 Championship. With two wins, we're now on the right track," said the popular Berube, who drives the New England Equipment/Justitia sponsored Modified. He flew back from Watkins Glen after qualifying for the Modified.

The NAPA/Scranton Pro Stock feature was really a shocker. Eddy Carroll was working his way to the front as Ed Carroll was leading. Then, out of the top five came Scott Bouley, who was charging.

Bouley and Eddy Carroll made contact as

Bouley hit the wall. The NASCAR chief steward, Dick Brooks, put Eddy Carroll to the rear as the fans went wild.

On the restart, the new contender was Rich Vasseur. Vasseur was so strong in the Porter-Chester/Enfield Nissan Pontiac that he did a great job of holding off the pack to secure his second win of the season.

Second with a hard performance run was Tom Fearn (Porter-Chester). Third was John Lobo (Wagner Rug), and fourth and fifth, respectively, were Jim Bainfield and Bennett Fuller.

Rounding out the top 10 in this division were Jeff Conners, Fran Colson, Eddy Carroll, Ed Carroll, and Bill Lauridsen.

"This is great — to win in front of the Busch crowd! My sponsors, Enfield Pontiac and Porter-Chester, deserve this type of success. I hope we gave them a real show," said the talented Rich Vasseur.

The Scranton Pontiac Late Model race also had controversy. Tom Dileo led the competition until there were less than five laps to go. As Joe Czarnecki was right on Dileo's back bumper, the two touched and Dileo went around.

Czarnecki was put to the rear, and this gave the lead to Wayne Coury. Coury didn't show anything but the ability to dominate to the checker, as Chuck Docherty was right there to finish in second.

Third went to Chris Wenzel, fourth was Bob Ermark, and fifth was Todd Owen. Sixth through 10th in this division were earned by Ernie Tarca, Ernie Legacy, Brian Locke, George Perry, and Ken Marquis.

Glen Reilly led from green to checker and was unchallenged in the Strictly Stock feature. Second went to Patrick Townsend, and third through fifth, respectively, were Scott Neleber, Jon Waterhouse, and Dennis Charette.

Rounding out the top 10 were Patrick Townsend, Mike Salmond, Bill Reiman, Scott Ciak, and Keith Miller.

This Saturday, August 30th, there will be "fireworks" in the air at Riverside Park Speedway, as the crowning of the champions in all four divisions will take place. This evening will mark the final point show for the 1996 season (however, racing will still continue each Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m. until the end of October).

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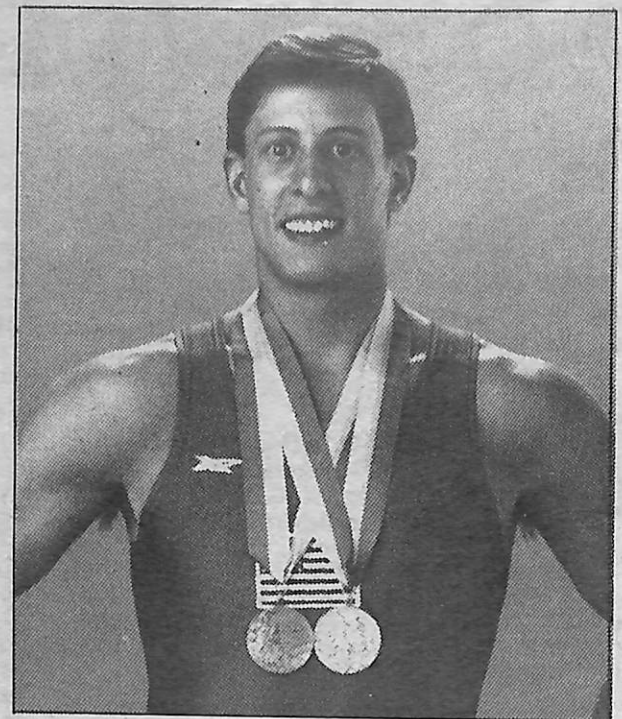
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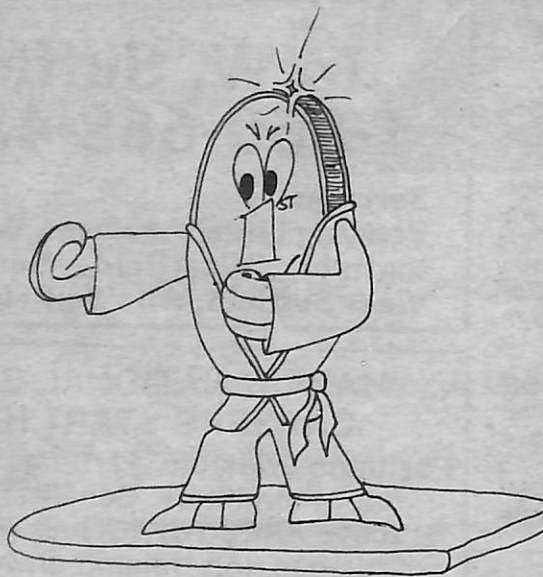
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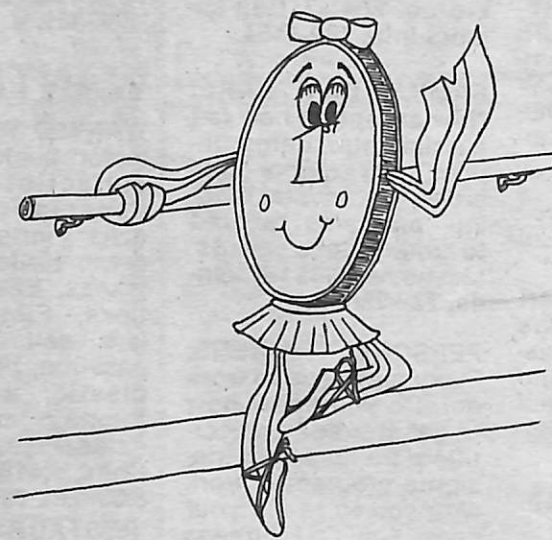
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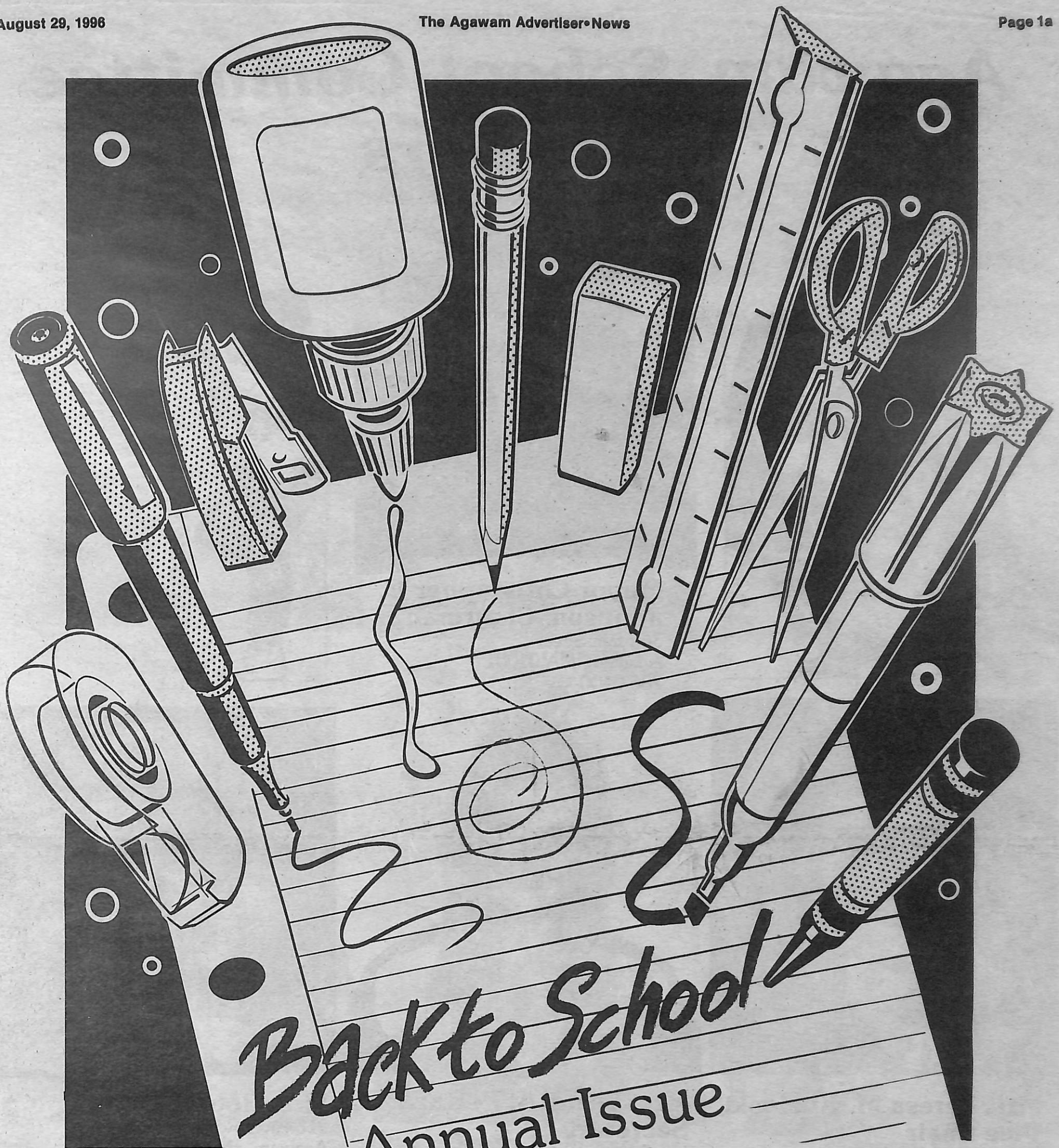
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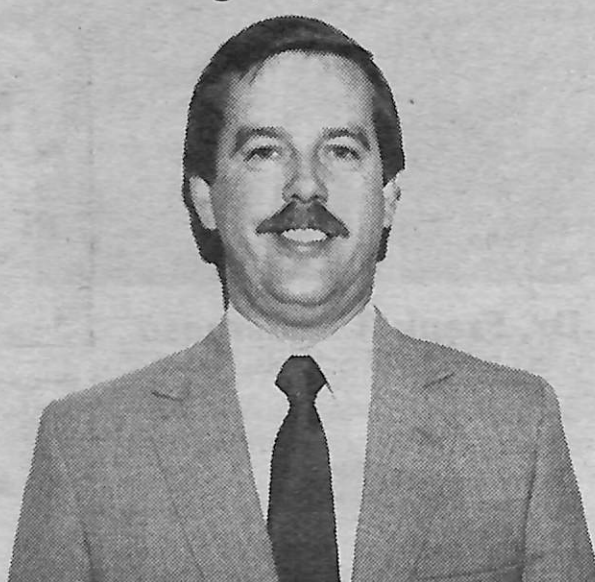
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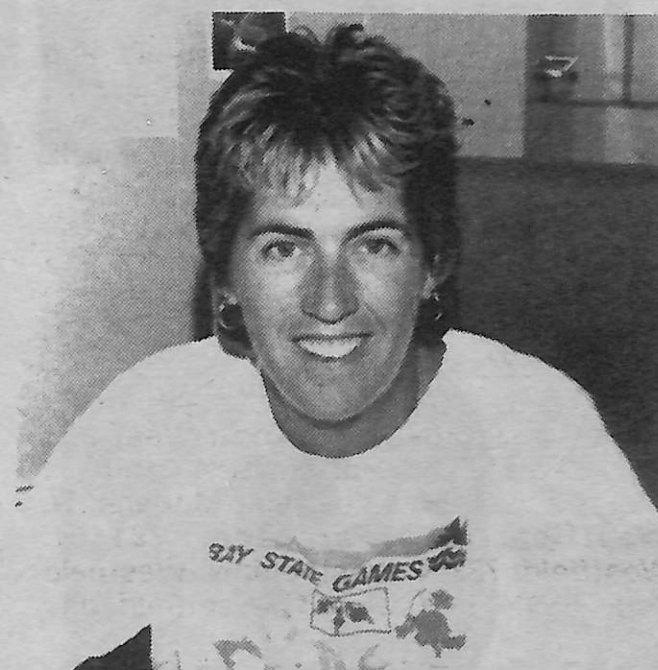
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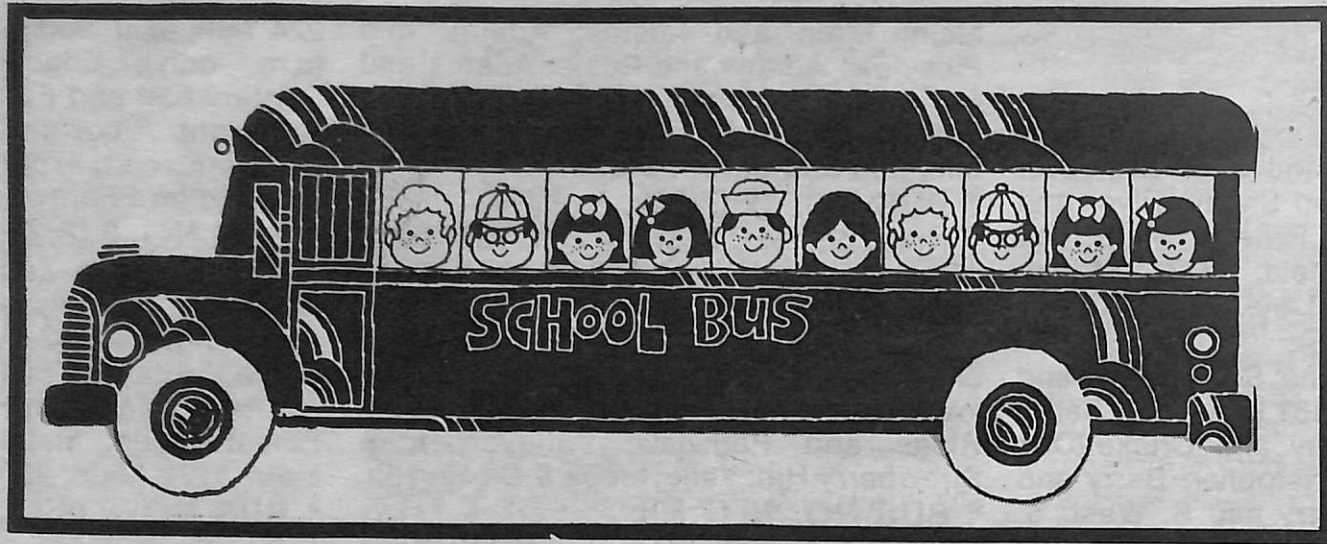
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South West and Shelley; South West and Wild Bill; 170 South West; 284 South West; South West and Red Fox; South West and White Fox; South West and Kathy Ter.; South West and Joann; Pine and Spruce; S. Westfield and Shoemaker; S. Westfield and Hamar.

* BUS NO. 12 (6:50):

S. Westfield and Hendon; 582 S. Westfield; 698 S. Westfield; S. Westfield and Bradford; Barry and Oakmont; Barry and Pine; Barry and Cricket/Oak Ridge; Barry and Christopher; Barry and Maria; 461 Barry; Barry and S. West.

* BUS NO. 13 (6:50):

Main and Reed; Main and Federal St.; Main and Cooper; 420 Main; Main and Harvey Johnson; 43 Meadow; 272 Meadow; 418 Meadow (Heritage Village); Meadow and Editha; River and Barney/Sterling; River and Alhambra S; Corey and Alhambra S; Corey and Janelle; Corey and Alexander; Corey and Corey Colonial; Main and Edward.

* BUS NO. 14 (6:50):

Walnut and Dwight; Maple and Walnut; Maple and Bridge; Maple and Spencer; Rowley and Royal.

* BUS NO. 15 (6:50):

Leonard and Katherine; Leonard and Debra; Leonard and Danny; River and Channell; River and Florida; River and Chestnut; River and Lawnwood; River and Deering; River and Riviera; Main and Barden; Main and Charles; Main and Melrose; Main and Leonard; Main and Elm.

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BUS STOPS

* BUS NO. 2 (7:15):

North St. Ext. and Belmont; North St. Ext. & Stony Hill; 682 North West; 805 North West; 1034 N. West & Peterson Cir.; North West & N. Westfield; 1015 N. Westfield; N. Westfield and Marlene; N. Westfield and Parkedge; N. Westfield and Allison; Robin Ridge and Parkview; Thalia and Parkview; 28 Fox Farm Rd.; Strawberry Hill and Valleybrook; Clover Hill and Valleybrook.

* BUS NO. 3 (7:15):

Suffield and Edgewater; 794 Suffield; Adams and Zachary; Adams and Richardson; Adams and Rosie; Adams and Pineview; Adams and Main; Main and Charles; 1278 Main; 1336 Main; Main and South; South and Mark; South and S. Brooke; 175 South; South and Cosgrove;

South and Quail Hollow; 347 South; South and Suffield; 144 Shoemaker; 209 Shoemaker; Shoemaker and Losito; Shoemaker and Silver; 563 Shoemaker; Shoemaker and Cesan; Poplar and Rising.

* BUS NO. 4 (7:25):

Springfield and Mooreland; Springfield and Sheri/Wilson; North and Harding; North and Oak Lane; North and James; North and Letendre; North and Cherry; North and Colemore; 595 North; North and Wilbert; North and Pleasant.

* BUS NO. 5 (7:15):

Suffield & Washington; Main and Reed; Main and Federal; 420 Main; 302 Meadow; Meadow & James Ave. (Regency); Meadow and Ellison; River and Sterling/Barney; River and Alhambra; Corey and Alhambra; Corey and Janelle; Corey and Edward; Main and Edward.

* BUS NO. 6 (7:20):

1010 Suffield; Fernwood and Arbor; Fernwood and Hunting; Fernwood and Centerwood; Silver and Belden; Silver and Porter; Silver and Mountainview; Silver and Franklin St. Ext.; 204 Garden; Garden and Memorial; Garden and Orlando; 328 Poplar; 995 Shoemaker.

* BUS NO. 8 (7:15):

North St. Ext. & Juniper Ridge; North St. Ext. & Kosciusko; 327 North West; 226 North West; North West and Karen Lynn; 34 North West; 592 Southwick; turn around; 519 Southwick; 447 Southwick; Southwick and Carmel; South West and Shelley; 123 South West; 250 South West; South West and Red Fox; South West and White Fox.

* BUS NO. 10 (7:25):

Springfield & Shibley Ct. (Norman); Springfield and Rowley; Walnut and Springfield; Walnut and Dwight; Walnut and Maple; Maple and Bridge; Maple and Moore; Maple and Spencer; North and Grant.

* BUS NO. 12 (7:15):

School and Main; School and Monroe; School and Heathstone; School and Beverly/Plantation; River and Meadowbrook; River and Glendale; Leonard and Danny; Leonard and Debra; Leonard and Katherine; Leonard and Main; Silver and Pembroke; Silver and Castle Hill.

* BUS NO. 14 (7:20):

Cooper and Karen; Cooper and Tracy; Cooper and Brien; Cooper and Greenacre; Cooper and Senator; Cooper and Federal; Cooper and Fairview; Cooper and Federal Ave.; Main and Harvey Johnson; Main and Parker; Main and S. Park Ter.; Mill and Clematis; 590 Suffield; Suffield and Anthony; Mill and Line.

SEE BUSES - Page 6a...

BUSES - from Page 5a...*** BUS NO. 15 (7:15):**

Mill and Silver Lake; Perry Lane and Elm; 161 Elm; River and Channell; River and Florida; River and Shady; River and Deering; River and Riviera; Main and Kanawha; 1629 Suffield; 1317 Suffield; Suffield and Delores Lane.

*** BUS NO. 16 (7:15):**

S. Westfield and Pine; S. Westfield and Bradford; 126 Barry; 151 Barry; 238 Barry; Barry and Pine; Barry and Cricket/Oak Ridge; Barry and Christopher; Barry and Marla; 424 Barry; Barry and S. West; S. West and Joann; S. West and Kathy; 295 Southwick.

AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL BUS STOPS

*** BUS NO. 3 (8:00):**

35 N. Westfield; N. Westfield and Anvil; North St. Ext. and Belmont; North St. Ext. and Juniper; North St. Ext. and Kosciusko; 1149 North St. Ext.; 363 N. West; 210 N. West; N. West and Karen Lynn; 76 N. West; Southwick and Tina; Southwick and Hope Farm Dr.; Southwick and Sunset; Mill and Norris; Mill and Franklin; Mill and Line; Cooper and Willowbrook; Cooper and Tracy.

*** BUS NO. 5 (8:00):**

358 Southwick; 468 Southwick; 625 Southwick; 411 Southwick; 1233 Springfield and Cincotta Stand; Springfield and Belvidere; Springfield and Rhodes; Springfield and Kensington; Springfield and Franklin; Springfield and Mooreland; Springfield and Letendre; Springfield & Line; Springfield and Shibley Court; Springfield and Kristen.

*** BUS NO. 6 (7:55):**

S. Westfield and Hamar; S. Westfield and Hendom; S. Westfield and Pine; S. Westfield and Bradford; 126 Barry; 151 Barry; 208 Barry; Cricket/Oakridge and Barry; Christopher and Barry; 370 Pine; 955 Shoemaker; Shoemaker and Cesan; 563 Shoemaker; Shoemaker and Silver; Shoemaker and Losito; 267 Shoemaker; 5 Shoemaker.

*** BUS NO. 7 (7:55):**

Poplar & Henry; Poplar and Rising; N. Westfield and Liswell; North and Tom; North and Wilbert; North and Cherry; North and Barberry; North and James; North and Oak Lane; North and Cleveland; North and Harding; North and Maynard; North and Grant; 81 North Street.

*** BUS NO. 9 (7:55):**

Main and Parker; Main and Lealand; Main and School; School and Monroe; School and Hearthstone; 353 School; 921 River Road; River and Meadowbrook; River and Glendale; River and Warren; 130 Elm; 109 Silver; Castle Hill Rd. & Silver; 590 Suffield; Suffield and Poinsetta; Suffield and Valentine; Suffield and Center; 344 Suffield.

*** BUS NO. 10 (8:00):**

Yale and Cambridge; Fordham and Northwood; Northwood and Granger; Garden and Orlando/Gary; Garden and Memorial; Silver and Franklin St. Ext.; Silver and Mountainview; Silver and Porter; Silver and Belden.

*** BUS NO. 11 (8:00):**

1341 Suffield; South and Deer Run; South and Quail Hollow; South and Cosgrove; South and S. Brooke; 175 South; 117 South; 1278 Main; Main and Charles; Main and Forest Ridge; 986

Main; Main and Adams; Adams and Pineview; Adams and Rosie; Adams and Faymore; Adams and Richardson; Adams and Zachary; Suffield and Edgewater; 224 Mill; Mill and Silver Lake.

*** BUS NO. 12 (7:55):**

North St. Ext. & Stony Hill; 735 North West; 805 North West; 926 North West; N. Westfield & North West; N. Westfield & Marlene; 1015 N. Westfield; N. Westfield and Parkedge; 791 N. Westfield; 745 N. Westfield; N. Westfield & Allison; Robin Ridge and Parkview; Valleybrook & Strawberry Hill; Valleybrook & Clover Hill.

*** BUS NO. 13 (7:50):**

S. West and Pheasant Hill; 123 S. West; 188 S. West; 250 S. West; 437 S. West; S. West and Red Fox; S. West and White Fox; S. West and Kathy Terrace; Barbara and Joanne; Barbara and Barry; Barry and Sharon; 587 Barry; S. West and Denise; 861 S. West; 380 Barry.

*** BUS NO. 14 (7:55):**

Main and Cooper; 420 Main; Main and Harvey Johnson; 38 Meadow; 210 Meadow; Regency and Meadow; 418 Meadow; Editha and Meadow; River and Sterling/Pomeroy; River and Alhambra S; Alhambra and Corey; Corey and Jannelle; Corey and Alexander; Corey Colonial; Main and Edward.

*** BUS NO. 15 (7:55):**

Main and Emerson; Main and Wright; 27 Leonard; Leonard and Katherine; Leonard and Peros; Leonard and Danny; River and Channell; River and Florida; River and Chestnut; River and Lawnwood; River and Deering; River and Riviera; Main and Kanawha; 1730 Main Street; Fernwood and Arbor; Fernwood and Butterwood; Fernwood and Centerwood.

CLARK KINDERGARTEN A.M. DROP-OFF

South and S. Brooke; Adams and Zachary; Adams and Mallard (1); Butternut and Arbor; Butternut and Hunting; Fernwood and Hunting; Adams and Mallard (2); Main and Forest Ridge; Main & Charles; River and Riviera; River and Dartmouth; River and Lawnwood; River and Chestnut; River and Florida; River and Danny.

CLARK KINDERGARTEN P.M. PICK-UP

Silver and Belden; Silver and Porter; Silver and Franklin St. Ext.; Silver and Doane; Shoemaker and Losito; Shoemaker and Cesan; Shoemaker and Poplar; Poplar and Rising; 705 Mill; Mill and William; Mill and Highland; Mill and Kensington; Mill and Lincoln; Line and Fenton; Franklin and Springfield; 124 Mill; 1017 Suffield; 1485 Suffield (Condos).

CLARK SCHOOL BUS STOPS

*** BUS NO. 2 (8:35):**

Memorial and Phil; Garden and Orlando/Gary; 374 Poplar; Rising and Poplar; 1060 Shoemaker (p.m. only); Shoemaker & Poplar (p.m. only); 955 Shoemaker; 915 Shoemaker; Shoemaker & Cesan; 563 Shoemaker; 525 Shoemaker; Shoemaker and Losito Ln.; 267 Shoemaker.

*** BUS NO. 5 (8:30):**

Mill and Lincoln; Mill and Franklin; Mill and Kensington; Mill and Norris; Mill and William (turn around); 695 Mill; 537 Mill;

224 Mill; Mill and Silver Lake; 124 Mill (p.m. only); Edgewater and Suffield; Centerwood and Fernwood; Hunting and Butternut; Arbor and Butternut; Faymore and Fernwood; Arbor and Fernwood; Butternut and Fernwood.

*** BUS NO. 6 (8:30):**

Adams and Zachary; Adams and Richarson; Adams and Mallard; Adams and Pineview; 83 Adams; Adams and Ridge; Adams and Main; Main and Melrose; Main and Bailey; Main and Forest Ridge; Main and Charles; 1202 Main; 1278 Main; 1307 Main.

*** BUS NO. 8 (8:40):**

Silver and Doane; Silver and Franklin St. Ext.; Silver and Mountainview; 404 Silver; 318 Silver; Silver and Porter (p.m. only); Silver and Belden; 1017 Suffield; 1057 Suffield; 1341 Suffield; 1485 Suffield (condos); 1629 Suffield; Main and Kanawha.

*** BUS NO. 11 (8:30):**

River and Riviera; River and Deering; River and Dartmouth; Joey and Danny; 318 Leonard; River and Channell; River and Campbell; River and Florida; River and Chestnut; River and Lawnwood; River and Shady Ln.; 24 South; 72 South; 175 South; South and S. Brooke.

*** BUS NO. 13 (8:30):**

57 Poplar; Springfield and Rhodes; Springfield and Highland; Springfield and Kensington; Springfield and Franklin; Springfield and Mooreland; Line and Jamie; 733 Suffield.

GRANGER KINDERGARTEN A.M. DROP-OFF

Southwick and Sunset; Southwick and Hope Farms; 1186 North St. Ext.; North St. Ext. & Juniper Ridge; North & Tom; N. Westfield and Liswell; 191 N. Westfield; Blacksmith and Forge; Yale and Cambridge; Granger and Northwood; Princeton and Vassar; Fordham & Northwood; Kids' Place (Spfld St.); Amherst & Spfld.; Franklin & Spfld.; Cherry & Colemore; Colemore & Horsham; 1014 Shoemaker.

GRANGER KINDERGARTEN P.M. PICK-UP

Hendom & Hickory; Hendon & Hendon Meadow; Paul Revere & Independence; Paul Revere & Pheasant Hill; 323 Southwick; 304 Southwick; 6 S. West; 170 S. West; 319 S. West; S. West & Red Fox; S. West & White Fox; S. West & Joann; Barbara & Barry; 443 Barry; 467 Pine; 248 Barry; 186 Barry; 126 Barry; S. Westfield & Bradford; 162 Pine; Pine & Spruce.

GRANGER SCHOOL BUS STOPS

*** BUS NO. 1 (8:00):**

17 N. West; 71 N. West; N. West and Karen Lynn Cir.; 156 N. West; 210 N. West; 327 N. West; 337 N. West; 358 N. West; 1186 North St. Ext. (a.m. only); Colemore and Cherry; Colemore and Park; Colemore and Horsham; Colemore and Hastings; Colemore and Bessbrook; Colemore and Greenock; Colemore and Agnoli; 901 Spfld. St. (Kids' Place); Springfield and Amherst; Springfield and Franklin.

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BUSES - from Page 6a...*** BUS NO. 2 (8:00):**

873 S. Westfield; S. Westfield and Bradford; 943 S. Westfield; 126 Barry; 195 Barry; 248 Barry; 296 Barry; Barry and Oakridge/Cricket; Barry and Christopher Ln.; 373 Barry; Barry and Marla; 443 Barry; 587 Barry; 748 South West; South West and Denise; 772 South West; turn around; 861 South West; 781 South West; 757 South West (a.m. only); 1036 Shoemaker; 995 Shoemaker.

*** BUS NO. 4 (8:05):**

260 Southwick St.; 304 Southwick; 540 Southwick; 662 Southwick; turn around; 675 Southwick; 387 Southwick; 323 Southwick; Southwick and Carmel; 6 South West; S. West and Wild Bill; 170 South West; 202 South West; 260 South West; 492 South West; 630 South West; South West and Kathy Ter.; Barbara and Joann; 66 Barbara; Barry and Barbara; Barry and Sharon; 651 Barry.

*** BUS NO. 8 (8:05):**

Pine and Spruce; 360 Pine; 393 Pine; 422 Pine; 467 Pine; 691 South West; South West and White Fox; South West and Red Fox; 499 South West; 335 South West; 319 South West; 67 South West; 295 Southwick.

ROBINSON PARK KINDERGARTEN A.M. DROP-OFF

North and Maynard; North and Harding; 266 North; North and James; Wilbert and Audubon; Kosciusko and North St. Ext.; Stoney Hill and North St. Ext.; 594 North West; 674 North West; 682 North West; 747 North West; 788 North West; North West and Peterson Cir.; 1023 N. Westfield; 985 N. Westfield; Provin Mt. Dr. and N. Westfield; 654 N. Westfield; Oriole and Robin Ridge; Valleybrook & Strawberry Hill; Clover Hill & Forest Hill; Clover Hill & Briar Hill; 21 Letendre.

ROBINSON PARK KINDERGARTEN P.M. PICK-UP

Springfield and Broz; Springfield and Shibley Ct. (Norman); Springfield and Sheri Lane/Wilson; Springfield and Wilson; Springfield and Royal Ln.; Springfield and Rowley; Maple and Spencer/Sutton; 238 Maple; Moore and Maple; High and Moore; River and King St.; Walnut and High; Walnut and Cooley; Walnut and Ottawa; Walnut and Lexington; Walnut and Springfield.

ROBINSON PARK SCHOOL BUS STOPS

*** BUS NO. 3 (8:30):**

North St. Ext. & Belmont; 972 North St. Ext.; 1067 North St. Ext.; North St. Ext. & Kosciusko; 1157 North St. Ext.; North St. Ext. and Stony Hill; 466 North West; 594 North West; 682 North West; 735 North West; 788 North West; 837 North West; 926 North West; 1034 North West & Peterson Cir.

*** BUS NO. 4 (8:40):**

North and Cherry; North and Barberry; North and Letendre; North and James; North and Oak Lane/Arnold; North and Cleveland/Liberty; North and Wilson; North and Harding; North and Maynard;

North and Grant.

*** BUS NO. 7 (8:30):**

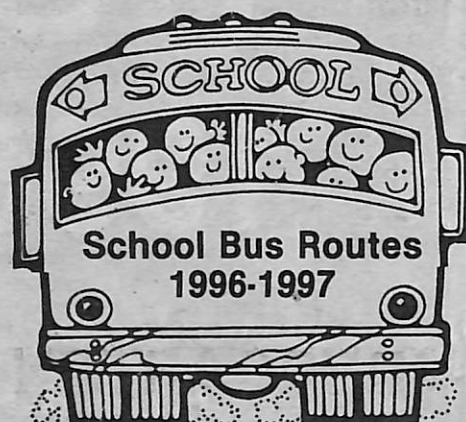
791 North St.; North & Pleasant; Oriole & Robin Ridge; Pleasant Valley & Beech Hill; Pleasant Valley & High Meadow; Robin Ridge & High Meadow; Robin Ridge & Beech Hill; Robin Ridge & Parkview; Parkview & Thalia (both ends); Valleybrook & Strawberry Hill; Valleybrook & Forest Hill; Clover Hill & Forest Hill; Clover Hill & Valleybrook; Clover Hill & Strawberry Hill; Clover Hill & Briar Hill.

*** BUS NO. 9 (8:25):**

374 N. Westfield; 536 N. Westfield; 604 N. Westfield; 654 N. Westfield; 694 N. Westfield; 726 N. Westfield; 734 N. Westfield; turn around; 1125 N. Westfield; 1101 N. Westfield; N. Westfield & Marlene; 1023 N. Westfield; 985 N. Westfield; N. Westfield & Parkedge; 837 N. Westfield; 819 N. Westfield; 765 N. Westfield; 733 N. Westfield; N. Westfield & Provin Mt.; N. Westfield & Allison; N. Westfield & New York.

*** BUS NO. 12 (8:30):**

North & Homer; 479 North; 505 North; 612 North; Nolan Lane & North; Wilbert & Audubon; Ridgeway & Audubon; Sylvan & Acorn; Homer & Gale; Springfield & Broz Ter.; Springfield & Shibley Ct. (Norman); Springfield & Arnold/Chapin; Springfield & Day; Springfield & Kristen.



PHELPS KINDERGARTEN A.M. DROP-OFF

126 Elm; Silver and Pembroke; Silver and Castle Hills; Clematis and Poinsetta; Clematis and Althea; Suffield and Valentine; Suffield and Anthony; 321 Suffield; Senator and Belle; 30 Barn Road; Barn and Country; 37 Greenacre; Cooper and Tracy; 156 Suffield; Suffield and Virginia; Reed and Virginia; Reed and Vernon; 31 Federal; Federal and Prince; Cooper and Federal St. Ext.; Cooper and Fairview; 39 Cooper; 420 Main; Main and Harvey Johnson.

PHELPS KINDERGARTEN P.M. PICK-UP

194 Meadow; Meadow & James Ave. (Regency); 444 Meadow; 1172 River Rd.; River and Barney; S. Alhambra and Corey; Corey and Janelle; Corey and Alexander; 65 Corey; 171 School; School and Hearthstone; School and Plantation; 343 School; Western and Merrell; 717 River; River and Glendale; River and Warren; Leonard and Danny; Leonard and Robert; Leonard and Katherine.

PHELPS SCHOOL BUS STOPS

*** BUS NO. 1 (8:30):**

Cooper and Karen/Yarmouth; Cooper

and Tracy; Cooper and Brien; Cooper and Greenacre; 37 Greenacre (a.m. only); Country and Greenacre; Country and Barn; 30 Barn Road; Rowley and Barn; Rowley and Homestead; Cooper and Suffield; Cooper and Belle; Senator and Belle; Cooper and Senator; Cooper and Federal St. Ext.; Cooper and Fairview; 39 Cooper; Cooper and Federal Ave.

*** BUS NO. 10 (8:30):**

31 Federal (a.m. only); Federal & Prince Ln. (a.m. only); 65 Corey (p.m. only); 202 Corey; Corey and Alexander; Corey and Jannell; 475 Corey; Corey and S. Alhambra; River Rd. and S. Alhambra; River Rd. and Riverside Ave.; 46 Simpson; Meadowbrook and Western; Clifton and Ruth; Clifton and River Rd.

*** BUS NO. 14 (8:30):**

Reed and Vernon; Reed and Virginia; Suffield and Virginia (a.m. only); Suffield and Washington; 156 Suffield; 344 Suffield; Mansion Woods; 636 Suffield; Suffield and Edgewater; 743 Suffield; Perry Lane and Elm; 87 Perry Lane; Poinsetta & Clematis (a.m. only); Clematis and Althea; Samuel and Anthony; Suffield and Anthony; 321 Suffield; Main at Town Hall.

*** BUS NO. 15 (8:40):**

Main and Federal St.; 315 Main; 420 Main; Main and Harvey Johnson; Main and Meadow; 105 Meadow; Meadow and Meadow Ave.; 210 Meadow; 311 Meadow; 359 Meadow; Meadow and James Ave.; 418 Meadow; Meadow and Frank; Meadow and Editha; River Rd. and Sterling/Pomeroy; River and Barney; 921 River Rd.; 343 School; 184 School; 149 School.

*** BUS NO. 16 (8:45):**

Castle Hill and Silver; 109 Silver; Silver and Pembroke; 126 Elm (a.m. only); School and Hearthstone; School and Plantation; 343 School (p.m. only); River and Glendale; River and Warren; Leonard and Danny; Leonard and Peros; Leonard and Katharine; 21 Leonard.



Information Regarding The Bus Schedules

No route adjustments will occur during the first two weeks of school unless the school department determines an emergency exists.

The times listed for the buses are the times the routes begin.

Late runs two days at each school (Middle, Jr. High, and Sr. High) are scheduled to begin in mid-September. Days at each school and the routes will be published in each school building.

In order to help you, the school department has requested that all bus inquiries must be directed to Terry Landry at the school business office. The telephone number is 789-1400, ext. 438.

School Bus Rules

SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION

In order to insure the safe transportation of all children to and from school, the Agawam School Committee has adopted School Bus Rules. Because of the extremely serious nature of safety hazards involving vehicles seating well over 50 children, this policy will be strictly enforced. If any child loses bus privileges, it will be the responsibility of the parents to get the child both to and from school.

The majority of our children behave courteously and well, helping to insure the safety of all. Actions of a small minority cannot be allowed to imperil lives. School Bus Rules are required in order to insure the safety of all students. They will be rigidly enforced because of potential hazard to all riders. The penalties for violation of bus rules shall be a warning, initially. A second offense shall result in a loss of riding privileges for a period of at least five school days. Any further problems will result in loss of transportation a minimum of one month.

Serious breaches of discipline such as fighting, abuse of the bus driver or other passengers, damage to the bus, or any other action constituting a threat to safety, will result in immediate loss of riding privileges rather than a warning.

SCHOOL BUS RULES

1. **Wait for bus at designated bus stop.** Buses will stop only at authorized stops. Remain orderly and away from street until bus arrives. Pupils are not to play in road, trespass on private property or engage in behavior that could be dangerous to those at the bus stop.

2. **If you must cross a highway to board the bus** or to get back to your bus stop, wait until the bus driver signals that all is clear and that you may proceed to cross the highway. Always cross in front of the bus.

3. **Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop** before boarding. Do not crowd toward the street and bus.

4. **Enter the bus quietly** and in an orderly manner. Proceed directly to a seat.

5. **The driver has been instructed** not to wait for you. Be on time.

6. **Remain in your seat while the bus is moving.** Pupils are not to change seats while the bus is in motion. Conditions may require specific seating arrangements. These arrangements are to be made by the driver and/or principal only.

7. **Leave and enter only at front entrance door** except in cases of emergency. Emergency Exit Drills will be conducted during the school year to

acquaint children with methods of exit in emergencies.

8. **Talking in a conversational voice** and tone is permissible. Shouting or excessive loud talking is prohibited.

9. **Undesirable remarks directed to the driver** or other students and stirring up adverse behavior are not allowed.

10. **Horseplay is not permitted.** Students are not to yell, motion or discharge any objects that will distract or prove offensive to the driver or other motorists and/or pedestrians. Throwing of objects or articles is forbidden.

11. **EATING (Including beverages) and SMOKING** are NOT PERMITTED on school buses.

12. **Packages other than school materials** will not be transported at any time.

13. **Pupils are to remain seated** at discharge points until the school bus has come to a complete stop. Leave quickly and orderly, one at a time.

14. **Pupils must follow instructions** given by the bus driver.

15. **Damage to buses will not be tolerated.** Students are responsible for damage to their seat and area during their trip. Any damage should be reported immediately to the driver.

16. **Pupils entitled to transportation** may ride only the bus assigned to and from school.

17. **The Agawam School Committee reserves the right** to refuse to transport any pupil who fails to observe rules and regulations or exhibits unacceptable conduct.

Student Insurance

Student accident insurance is available to all students. The School Committee provides insurance to cover all students taking part in inter-scholastic athletics. It is the family's responsibility to provide whatever other insurance is desired, and a plan is being offered to make this possible. For \$8 students may purchase insurance covering a period of going to school, at school, and going from school each day. Twenty-four hour coverage is also available at a cost of \$51 per student. This coverage insures the student during school vacation, holidays and weekends as well.

The reasons that this insurance is available at such a low cost is that it is non-duplicating insurance. Non-duplicating means that other insurance owned by the family, for example, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, must be used first. If other insurance does not cover the complete cost or any part of the cost, then the school insurance plan will take over. By filing a claim with the insurance company, a parent may be reimbursed for any insured loss.

Athletic insurance is also non-duplicating. A parent may not collect from the school's insurance carrier and from another company for the same accident. A policy description will be sent to each student's home early in the school year. Please read it carefully.

If you have any questions, call the Associate Superintendent at 789-1400, Extension 433.

Rules Regarding School Property

Permission must be obtained from the office of the Superintendent of Schools for use of school grounds. No unauthorized use is permitted. Restrictions are posted and town police so notified. School facilities and grounds are for the use of Agawam residents; curfew exists one-half hour after sunset and during the hours of darkness on the use of school grounds except where permission has been granted. The use of any motor vehicle, including motor bikes, motorcycles, mopeds, automobiles, etc., is prohibited at all times. Riding of horses is also prohibited.

School

HOURS

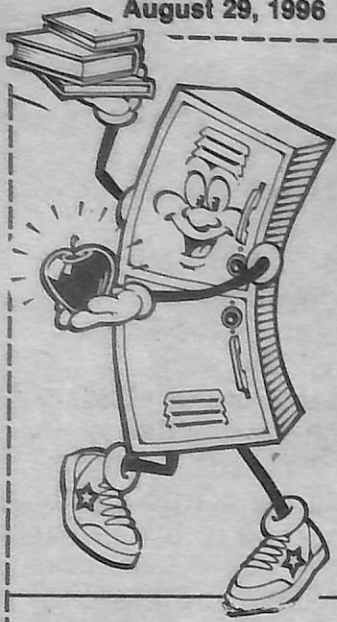
1996-1997

7:20 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.
Agawam High School

7:50 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Agawam Junior High School

8:35 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.
Agawam Middle School
Clifford M. Granger School

9:10 a.m. - 3:20 p.m.
James Clark School
Benjamin J. Phelps School
Robinson Park School



AGAWAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1305 SPRINGFIELD STREET
FEEDING HILLS, MA 01030

School Calendar 1996-1997

180 school days (pupils)
*1 non-teaching day (teachers)
5 inclement weather days



S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
September							February						
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(21 days)							(17 days)						

September 2 — Labor Day
September 4 — Schools Open
October 14 — Columbus Day
November 11 — Veterans' Day
Nov. 28 - 29 — Thanksgiving Recess
Dec. 23 - Jan. 1 — Winter Recess

January 2 — Schools Reopen
January 20 — Martin Luther King Day
February 17-21 — Mid-winter Vacation
March 28 — Good Friday
April 21-25 — Spring Vacation
May 26 — Memorial Day
June 24 — Schools Close

I'm Glad I'm In Agawam...

by Dr. Frank A. Ameruoso
Superintendent Of Schools

A large part of the excitement in life comes from the various experiences we can control. A controlled experience is one in which the individual voluntarily exposes himself/herself to circumstances which could be avoided.

To seek the circumstance and to submit to the experiential outcome is the risk that many people avoid because it may not be safe. It could result in discomfort, insecurity, unemployment — general unhappiness.

When an individual confidently takes the risk of an experience which has an uncertain outcome, it then becomes a challenge. And there are few things in life more satisfying than a valid challenge. The more that "change" is a dimension of the challenge, the more demanding it becomes. Sometimes the change required is an actual shift in "paradigms," and that is the epitome of challenge.

My decision to accept the position of Superintendent of Agawam Public Schools is a deliberate desire to accept the challenge created by it. I have left behind in Pennsylvania a school system for which I had the privilege of serving for six years.

I left behind friends and relatives by af-



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finity. I left behind the familiarity and the security of an urban area, Pittsburgh, which I dearly loved, in spite of the fact that I was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. In fine, I left behind the experiences of half my life.

My decision to do so was an exercise in critical thinking and many elements featured into the process. One of the

dominant features in my decision to come to Agawam was my first impression and my initial perceptions of the Town of Agawam. The Town of Agawam is the people. My initial perceptions are being validated each day of my residency in Agawam. I arrived on Tuesday, August 6th, and as I write this my comfort zone has increased in proportion to the time I have been here.

I come to Agawam as a professional educator, humanist, and parent. I intend to become actively involved in school community affairs to the extent that no one will have to ask who I am without associating me with your children.

I am the one who will help you design, plan, and implement policies and programs which will have one central focus. That focus will be "EXCELLENCE"! Our efforts will be reflected in our motto, "Striving for Excellence."

It is my privilege to be part of a renewed effort to achieve excellence in Agawam education. For that privilege, I thank you and pledge my untiring efforts to move our school system forward into the next millennium with a reputation for achievement and excellence.

I am glad to be in Agawam.

Agawam High School's Discipline System

The Agawam High School discipline system is based on many factors. It is reflective of the combined effort of the administration, faculty, student government, school council and others. It is also reflective of national and state reform movements that emphasize the importance of safe schools. The fundamental purpose of the discipline system is to insist that student behavior be based on respect and responsibility.

DISCIPLINE POLICIES ZERO TOLERANCE

A. Any student who is found on school premises or at school-sponsored or school-related events, including athletic games, in possession of a dangerous weapon, including but not limited to a gun or knife, or a controlled substance as defined in Chapter Ninety-Four C, including but not limited to marijuana, cocaine and heroin, will be suspended and may be subject to expulsion from the school or school district by the principal.

B. Any student who is found on school premises or at school-sponsored events, including athletic games, under the influence or in exchange or sale of alcohol or a controlled substance as defined in Chapter Ninety-Four C, including but not limited to marijuana, cocaine, and heroin, will be suspended and may be subject to expulsion from the school or school district by the principal.

C. Any student who assaults or threatens a principal, deputy principal, dean of students, teacher, teacher's aide, or other educational staff on school premises or at school-sponsored or school-related events, including athletic games, will be suspended and may be subject to expulsion from the school or school district by the principal.

D. Any student who is involved in arson, the assault and battery of another student, dangerous threats to another student, bomb threats, false fire alarms or other dangerous behavior on school premises or at school-sponsored or school-related events, including athletic games, will be suspended or may be subject to expulsion from the school or school district by the principal.

E. Any student who is charged with a violation of any of the above shall be notified of an opportunity for a hearing. In cases of expulsion, the student may also have representation and the opportunity to present evidence and witnesses at said hearing before the principal.

F. Police will be notified in all cases.

SUSPENDABLE BEHAVIORS INTERNAL SUSPENSION GUIDELINES

Internal suspension may be assigned by an administrator as an alternative to out-of-school suspension. Parents are notified. Students assigned to internal suspension are isolated from

their peers for the duration of their assignment. They must agree to and sign a copy of the internal suspension rules. During the time in internal suspension, students are assigned academic work by their classroom teachers.

SMOKING

No smoking is allowed anywhere in the building or on school grounds during the school day. Massachusetts State Law M.G.L., Chapter 71, Section 2A PROHIBITS THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS. IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY STUDENT, ENROLLED IN EITHER PRIMARY OR SECONDARY PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE COMMONWEALTH, TO USE TOBACCO PRODUCTS OF ANY TYPE ON SCHOOL GROUNDS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS. This policy also prohibits the use of snuff and chewing tobacco.

CONSEQUENCES:

1st offense — one day internal suspension.
2nd offense — two days internal suspension.
3rd offense — three days internal suspension.
Further offenses — internal or external suspension at the discretion of the administration.

TRUANCY

Attendance at every session of school is absolutely essential for good scholastic standing. While school is in session, all outside interests should be considered of secondary importance. Appointments with doctors and dentists should not be made during school hours.

If you are truant you will forfeit all normal make-up privileges. Your work will be counted at half value. Parent notification will be a usual consequence, and persistent truancy can result in a student contract, request for withdrawal from school, or a recommendation for expulsion from school.

CONSEQUENCES:

1st offense — one day internal suspension.
2nd offense — two days internal suspension.
3rd offense — three days internal suspension.

USE OR POSSESSION OF FIREWORKS, STINK BOMBS, ANIMAL SCENTS, LIGHTS

1st offense — three days external suspension.
2nd offense — five days external suspension.
3rd offense — 10 days external suspension and recommendation for expulsion; police to be notified in certain cases.

THEFT OF PERSONAL OR SCHOOL PROPERTY

1st offense — three days external suspension.
2nd offense — five days external suspension.
3rd offense — 10 days external suspension and recommendation for expulsion; return of stolen property or restitution also required; police to be notified in certain cases.

TAMPERING WITH FIRE EXTINGUISHER

1st offense — three days external suspension.
2nd offense — four days external suspension.
3rd offense — five days external suspension.

INITIATION OF A FOOD FIGHT

1st offense — three days external suspension.
2nd offense — 10 days external suspension and recommendation for expulsion; restitution may also be required.

PARTICIPATION IN FOOD THROWING

1st offense — two days external suspension.
2nd offense — three days external suspension.
3rd offense — four days external suspension; restitution may also be required.

VANDALISM: DEFACING OR DAMAGING SCHOOL PROPERTY INCLUDING COMPUTERS AND THEIR RECORD FILES AND SYSTEMS

1st offense — up to three days internal suspension.
2nd offense — three to five days internal suspension.
3rd offense — five to 10 days external suspension; restitution will be required in all cases.

PROFANITY OR VULGARITY DIRECTED AT SCHOOL STAFF

1st offense — written apology and two days internal suspension.
2nd offense — written apology and four days internal suspension.
3rd offense — three to five days external suspension.

GAMBLING

1st offense — one day internal suspension.
2nd offense — two days internal suspension.
3rd offense — three days internal suspension; police may be notified in certain circumstances.

USE OF RACIAL, RELIGIOUS, ETHNIC SLURS OR SYMBOLS THAT DEEMAN OTHERS

1st offense — written apology and two days internal suspension.
2nd offense — written apology and three days internal suspension.
3rd offense — written apology and four days internal suspension.

HARASSMENT SUCH AS REPEATED NAME CALLING

1st offense — written apology and one day internal suspension.
2nd offense — written apology and two days internal suspension.
3rd offense — written apology and three days internal suspension.

MISUSE OF INHALANTS, GLUE, ETC.

1st offense — three days external suspension.
2nd offense — five days external suspension.
3rd offense — 10 days external suspension and recommendation for expulsion.

SEE DISCIPLINE - Page 11a...

DISCIPLINE - from Page 10a...**UNEXCUSED ABSENCE FROM OR TARDINESS TO AN INTERNAL SUSPENSION ASSIGNMENT**

1st offense — one additional day of internal suspension.

2nd offense — two additional days of internal suspension.

3rd offense — three additional days of internal suspension.

DEFIANCE OF THE AUTHORITY OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND TEACHERS

1st offense — three days internal suspension.

2nd offense — five days internal suspension.

3rd offense — five days external suspension.

REFUSAL TO IDENTIFY ONESELF TO A STAFF MEMBER

1st offense — one day internal suspension.

2nd offense — two days internal suspension.

3rd offense — three days internal suspension.

FAILURE TO SIGN IN UPON ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL

1st offense — one day internal suspension.

2nd offense — two days internal suspension.

3rd offense — three days internal suspension.

FORGERY/MISUSE OF A PASS

1st offense — one day internal suspension.

2nd offense — two days internal suspension.

3rd offense — three days internal suspension.

OUT OF BOUNDS/LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS

The following areas are considered out of bounds:

- * Beyond the sidewalks of the circle in front of building.

- * Public library grounds.

- * Wooded areas surrounding the school.

- * The maintenance area.

- * Outside the science wing.

- * The athletic fields.

- * Any off-campus sites during the school day.

- * Physical education locker rooms during class time (without permission).

- * Parking lot. (If you must go to the parking lot for any reason during the day, you must have a pass from the office. Loitering in this area will result in disciplinary action.)

1st offense — one day internal suspension.

2nd offense — three days internal suspension.

3rd offense — five days internal suspension.

If a car is involved, the car privilege will be denied for nine weeks.

NATURE OF OFFENSE & REPEATED OFFENSES

The above outlined levels of discipline for specified offenses are provided as minimum guidelines to insure that every student is aware of the potential consequences of actions which violate the discipline policies of the Agawam Public Schools. In determining the level of discipline in each case, the Principal shall review the nature and the facts and circumstances surrounding the alleged offense and the student's prior disciplinary record. After completing said review, the Principal may in his/her sole discretion impose the minimum level of discipline provided for in these discipline policies, or he/she may impose greater discipline including but not limited to more detentions, a longer suspension, the imposition of a discipline contract and/or expulsion from the school or school district.

SUSPENSION EFFECTS

A conference with the student, a parent or guardian, and an administrator may be arranged at the time of any suspension. During the period of school suspension, a student may not take part in any extra-curricular activities or school functions nor be in the building or on the grounds during the school day. Students must arrange to make up all work missed during the suspension period. A senior, depending on circumstances, may also be suspended from participation in senior activities including graduation exercises.

STUDENT MOTOR VEHICLE REGULATIONS

The following regulations are designed to promote safety and order in the high school driveways and parking lots. Failure to comply with these regulations and conditions may result in the revocation of driving privileges on school property.

1. The maximum speed limit on all school property is 15 m.p.h. Students must drive on school property using caution and consideration for vehicles and pedestrians. Reckless or careless driving will be reported to the Police Department and Registry of Motor Vehicles.

2. Student cars must be parked in single spaces. Cars parked in illegal areas will be subject to towing on the first offense. Towing is at the student's expense.

3. During school hours, students are not to park in the area of the shops and music rooms and the Town Library.

4. Bringing a motor vehicle to and from school is a privilege.

5. Only Juniors and Seniors who are passing 20 credits and have no suspensions on their discipline record may drive motor vehicles to school.

6. Students granted permission must display the proper sticker at all times. (Driver Side - Top Left Rear Window.)

7. All students must park their vehicles in the Student Area of the parking lot at all times.

8. Once a car has been parked in the lot by a student, there shall be no loitering in the car by students.

9. Once a car is parked, the driver or any other pupil shall not be allowed to enter the car until the driver is ready to leave for home.

10. Students who do not obey the regulations regarding motor vehicles at school will have the privilege to drive to school revoked.

VIOLATION OF STUDENT MOTOR VEHICLE REGULATIONS

1st offense — denial of the motor vehicle privilege for **nine weeks**.

2nd offense — denial of the motor vehicle privilege for the **remainder of the school year**; if a student who has been denied the motor vehicle privilege persists in attempting to bring their motor vehicle to school or the public library, the motor vehicle will be subject to **towing at the student's expense**.

DETENTION

Violation of general school policies will result in the assignment to office detention, held Monday through Thursday from 1:50 to 2:40 p.m. Bring enough work to keep you busy for the entire detention period. The teacher in charge of detention may withhold credit if the time is not properly used. You will not be admitted into detention after the bell. If you need to be excused from attending detention on a particular afternoon, you must get permission from an administrator **before** the detention is to be served.

CONSEQUENCES: Examples of infractions that could result in from one to five detentions are as follows:

- * Classroom misbehavior.
- * Taking food from the cafeteria.
- * Inappropriate display of affection.
- * Littering.
- * Card playing.
- * Failure to report to teacher detention.
- * Swearing.
- * Overdue library books.
- * Insubordination.
- * Interference with the enforcement of school rules.

- * Cafeteria misbehavior.
- * Skipping a scheduled period.
- * Disobedience.
- * Lack of corridor pass.
- * Excessive tardiness.
- * Misuse of equipment or materials.
- * Parking lot violation.
- * Loud behavior.
- * Snowball throwing.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Instances of academic dishonesty such as copying homework, cheating on papers and exams, or plagiarism will result in students receiving a zero grade on that school project.

TEACHER DETENTION

A teacher may request you to stay after school to discuss a behavior problem or to have you do academic work. As long as you have been given a 24 hour notice to report, you **must** attend the after-school conference. Failure to attend this conference will result in a referral to either the deputy principal or dean of students who will take disciplinary action.

If you have been asked to stay for a particular teacher on a given day when you also have office detention, you are expected to report to that teacher, stay the assigned time, and bring a note from that teacher to either the deputy principal or dean of students before you leave the school building. This procedure allows you to report to the office detention the following day without penalty.

SCHOOL OBLIGATIONS COME FIRST, EVEN BEFORE YOUR JOB. IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM, SEE EITHER THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL OR THE DEAN OF STUDENTS.**CUTTING CLASS**

The definition of a cut is the missing of class time without permission or without a legitimate excuse acceptable to the teacher. Detention and work that is missed can only be made up at half value. Additional cutting will result in an increase in the number of detentions and/or suspensions.

STUDENTS ON CONTRACT - DUE PROCESS

Students with chronic discipline problems may be placed on contract by the deputy principal, dean of students and the principal. The ramifications of the contract will be explained to the student in the company of his/her parent or guardian. The student will be provided with a copy of the signed contract. Any student alleged to have violated his/her contract may be scheduled for a hearing with the principal. The deputy principal, dean of students, counselor and parent/guardian may also attend. The student has the right to bring evidence and witnesses.

The student may appeal the principal's ruling to the superintendent of schools who will finalize the decision.

EXPULSION - DUE PROCESS

A student must be notified in writing of the opportunity for a hearing. At this hearing the student may have legal representation, and may bring evidence and witnesses.

The principal determines whether to expel. However, an expelled student does have the right to appeal to the superintendent within 10 days of the date of the expulsion. The student may have legal representation at this appeal.

When an expelled student applies to another school, the superintendent will notify the receiving superintendent of the reasons for the student's expulsion.

DISCIPLINING STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

All students are expected to meet the requirements for behavior as set forth in this handbook. Chapter 766 requires that additional provisions be made for students who have been found by an evaluation team to have special needs and whose program is described in an Individualized Educational Plan (I.E.P.). The following additional requirements apply to the discipline of special needs students:

1. The I.E.P. for every special needs student will indicate whether the student can be expected to meet the regular discipline code or if the student's handicapping condition requires a modification. Any modification will be described in the I.E.P.
2. The principal (or designee) will notify the Special Education Office of the suspendable offense of a special needs student and a record will be kept of such notices.
3. When it is known that the suspension(s) of a special needs student will accumulate to 10 days in a school year, a review of the I.E.P. as provided in Section 333 of the Chapter 766 Regulations will be held to determine the appropriateness of the student's placement or program. The team will make a finding as to the relationship between the student's misconduct and his/her handicapping condition and either:
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Academic tutoring is available to eligible youth unable to attend school due to medical problems, accidents, and other circumstances.

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High School Attendance Regulations To Be Enforced

Purpose—Agawam High School is committed to providing quality education to all students. As reflected by the philosophy of Agawam High School and the community, education is a key factor for success and can only be achieved through regular class attendance, student participation, and academic achievement.

Students will be given subject expectation and classroom procedure statements by their classroom teachers. The expectation sheets will describe the subject curriculum to be covered and

the grading system which will include a participation assessment. Constant monitoring of attendance will take place each class period.

Computer-generated letters will be sent home to alert parents of student absenteeism. Letters will be generated when students are absent eight times from class. There will be no difference between excused and non-excused absences.

Long-term illness: Student is withdrawn and given a home tutor. This is the only exception. If the student qualifies for a tutor, he/she does not lose credit.

Welcome To The '96-'97 School Year!

Regulations Regarding Student Drug & Alcohol Abuse In Agawam Schools

The School Committee recognizes that the use of drugs/alcohol illegally and/or inappropriately constitutes a hazard to the positive development of students, and that the welfare of certain students is being compromised by drug/alcohol-related problems.

Accordingly, the School Committee shall attempt to clarify through this policy and the accompanying administrative rules, the rights and responsibilities of the principals, teachers, students, and parents in dealing with the complex legal, social, educational, and emotional conditions associated with drug/alcohol use and abuse.

At the same time, the Committee shall attempt to make clear the different forms of action which, depending upon the severity of a drug/alcohol-related incident, must be taken and those which shall be left to the discretion of the principals, teachers, and students.

While the Committee cannot and shall not allow the sale, use, or possession of illegal drugs/alcohol on school property, the Committee strongly desires to demonstrate its abiding concern for the welfare of an individual student and the general welfare of the school population by offering expert, continued, and supportive advice and counsel to its students.

In cases where a student violates this policy by the use of drugs/alcohol illegally within the school boundaries or within the school or is involved in the sale, possession or exchange of drugs/alcohol within the school or within the school boundaries, the student will be disciplined in accordance with the School Committee approved rules governing student drug/alcohol abuse.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent, or his designee, to inform school personnel, students, and parents of this policy and related administrative regulations. Copies of these statements shall be provided to students and parents upon request.

I. In instances of student drug/alcohol use and abuse, the role of the schools is basically educational. The following regulations have been established to help assure the welfare of individual students as well as the general welfare of the school population.

A. In accordance with existing state and federal laws, the civil rights of all students under investigation for drug/alcohol possession or use will be protected to the fullest extent possible by the administration.

B. The intent of the drug/alcohol policy is rehabilitative rather than punitive.

II. Any student or parent who seeks guidance on a drug/alcohol problem from any school administrator, counselor, teacher, or other staff person will be provided with such guidance without disciplinary action as long as the student is not observed on school grounds selling, possessing, or using alcohol or drugs.

When confronted by a student who is seeking guidance, staff will follow the procedure outlined below:

A. Refer the student to an appropriate agency.

B. Exercise appropriate judgement in making parental contact with consideration for the student's wishes.

C. Notify the building principal of any drug/alcohol counseling in order to coordinate all possible means of assistance available to the student.

III. Responsibilities

Individuals must accept their responsibilities according to their recognized abilities and roles.

A. Students

1. Students who possess, sell, or exchange drugs/alcohol within the school boundaries or within the school will be subject to criminal charges as well as disciplinary action as outlined below:

a. First offense—suspension from school for a minimum of three school days and a maximum of 10 school days.

b. Second and succeeding offenses—Referral to the School Committee with the recommendation that the student be expelled from school.

2. Students found to be under the influence of drugs/alcohol will be liable for disciplinary action as outlined below:

a. First offense—Suspension from school for a minimum of three school days.

b. Second offense—Suspension from school for a minimum of 10 school days.

c. Third and succeeding offenses—Referral to the School Committee with the recommendation that the student be expelled.

In all cases of suspension or expulsion for drug/alcohol-related acts, there must be a conference with the school administration by the parent or guardian of the student prior to reinstatement of the student. Students who are subjected to suspension or expulsion for drug/alcohol-related problems may request a hearing before the School Committee.

B. Teachers, counselors, and staff will be cognizant of drug problems and use professional judgement in observing students concerning drug/alcohol use and/or possession.

1. Any staff member who observes a student in possession of alcohol or drugs will be required to immediately inform the building principal.

2. Any staff person who is reasonably convinced that a student is under the influence of drugs/alcohol should use the following procedure:

a. Notify the school nurse immediately. In the event that the school nurse is not present, the building principal or his designee should be notified immediately.

b. If the school nurse feels the illness is drug/alcohol-related, he/she will notify the building principal or his designee.

c. First aid will be administered as necessary and as prescribed by law.

d. If a parent cannot be contacted, and the illness persists, the school nurse will contact the family physician or school physician and follow his direction. If no physician can be contacted, the nurse will arrange to hospitalize the student.

C. Administrators

1. Administrators who find a student in possession of alcohol, suspected drug material or narcotic devices will do the following:

a. Ask the police to identify the suspected materials.

b. Notify the student's parents if the analysis demonstrates the presence of alcohol or drugs.

c. The principal may also take any other action at this time as deemed appropriate.

d. Student lockers are the property of the

school department and may be searched by the building principal or his designee when there is sufficient reason to believe that a student is using school property to conceal illegal drugs or alcohol. All such searches will be conducted in accordance with the School Committee's policy (see statement coded JFG).

2. When an administrator is reasonably convinced a student is under the influence of drugs or alcohol, he/she should take the following steps:

a. The building principal or his designee will contact the parents.

b. Following contact with the parents, the principal or his designee, with the advice of the school nurse, will decide whether the student should remain in school or be taken home by the parents.

c. Any notification of appropriate law enforcement agencies will be the responsibility of the building principal or his designee.

d. A referral to the student's guidance counselor will be made.

D. Parents

1. Because supportive action by the parents is crucial to the success of any counseling, the parents will be encouraged to contact the principal if they are concerned about their child's possible drug/alcohol-related behavior, and the principal will encourage the parents to become involved in any aspect of drug/alcohol counseling which is deemed desirable.

2. It is important that parents follow the school system's policy on administering drugs to students (see statement coded JHCD) and inform the school of any medication prescribed for and used by a student while in school.

Issued and adopted June 23rd, 1987.



AGAWAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Do you have questions about your preschooler? If you would like a screening or more information, please contact the Special Services Department.

☐ I would like a screening for my child.

☐ I would like to speak to a member of the Special Services Staff.

☐ I would like a copy of the Parent Handbook.

**PLEASE SEND TO: Special Services Office
1305 Springfield Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Or Call 789-1400 Ext. 442 For More Information.**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____

PHONE _____

Agawam Schools Slate New Student Sign-Ups

Registration of new students will be from August 26th to September 1st. Office hours for the elementary schools are 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Guidance personnel at the middle and junior high schools will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

High school guidance staff were available from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for registration of new students and for conferences on August 26th, 27th, and 28th.

Agawam schools will open on Wednesday, September 4, 1996. All students will be required to attend.

ENTRANCE AGE:

The State Board of Education requires that children be permitted to enter kindergarten in September of the calendar year in which they reach age five. It is the Agawam School Committee's policy to:

1. Admit a child to kindergarten if he/she is five years-old prior to October 1st of the school year in which he/she desires to enroll; and...

2. Admit a child to first grade if he/she is six years-old prior to October 1st of the school year in which he/she desires to enroll.

Students who attend a kindergarten program in a public school system outside Agawam or who attend a kindergarten program approved by the superintendent, may be allowed to enter first grade if Agawam school officials determine that it would be educationally appropriate.

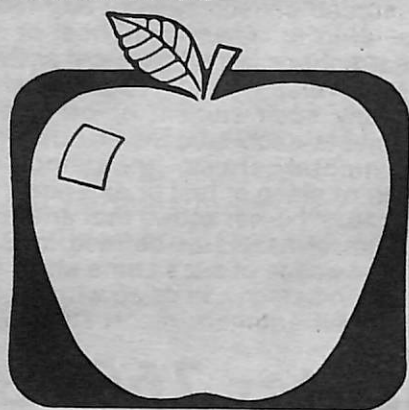
Free Lunch For First Grade Pupils On September 4th

On Wednesday, September 4th, all first grade students will be offered a free lunch.

"We would like our first grade students to meet our cafeteria staff and become familiar with our cafeterias," said Mr. Frank Godek, School Lunch Supervisor.

The price of lunch will remain the same as last year: Elementary is \$1.00 daily (or \$4.75 weekly); Middle School is \$1.10; and Junior and Senior High is \$1.25. A la carte milk is available at 25¢ per carton.

In the elementary schools, lunch tickets are sold on Monday for the week in the classroom. If a student is absent, he/she may purchase tickets in the cafeteria on Tuesday. If a parent wishes to pay by check, please make the check payable to the "Agawam School Lunch."



School Lunch Program

The Agawam Public Schools serve meals each school day. Children may buy lunch for Elementary, \$1.00; Middle, \$1.10; Junior High and Senior High, \$1.25. Children also may get meals free or at a reduced price. All meals served must meet patterns established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. However, if a child has been determined by a doctor to be handicapped and the handicap would prevent the child from eating the regular school meal, this school will make any substitutions prescribed by the doctor. If a substitution is needed, there will be no extra charge for the meal. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a handicap, please get in touch with us for further information.

If you now get Food Stamps or AFDC for your child, your child can get free meals. If your total household income is the same or less than the amounts on the Income Chart below, your child can get free meals or reduced price meals. A foster child may get free or reduced price meals regardless of your income. The reduced price is 40 cents for lunch.

To get free or reduced price meals for your child, you must complete an application and return it to the school. We cannot approve an application that is not complete.

HOW TO APPLY

If you now get Food Stamps or AFDC for the child you are applying for, the application must have the child's name, a Food Stamp or AFDC case number, and the signature of an adult household member. If you are applying for a foster child, the application must have the child's name, the child's "personal use" income, and an adult signature. If you do not list a Food Stamp or AFDC case number for the child you are applying for, then the application must have the child's name, the names of all other household members, the amount of income each person got last month and where it came from, the signature of an adult household member and that adult's Social Security number or the word "none" if the adult does not have a Social Security number.

INCOME CHART

Household Size	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	WEEKLY
1	14,319	1,194	276
2	19,166	1,598	369
3	24,013	2,002	462
4	28,860	2,405	555
5	33,707	2,809	649
6	38,554	3,213	742
7	43,401	3,617	835
8	48,248	4,021	928
For each additional member add...	plus 4,847	plus 404	plus 94

VERIFICATION: Your eligibility may be checked at any time during the school year. School officials may ask you to send papers showing that your child should get free or reduced price meals.

FAIR HEARING: You may talk to school officials if you do not agree with the school's decision on your application or the results of verification. You also may ask for a fair hearing. You may do this by calling or writing: Donald J. Charest, Associate Superintendent, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030, (413) 789-1400, extension 434.

REPORTING CHANGES: If your child gets free or reduced price meals because of your income, you must tell the school if your household size decreases or your income increases by more than \$50 per month or \$600 per year. If your child gets meals because they get Food Stamps or AFDC, you must tell the school when you are not getting AFDC or Food Stamps for them. You may then fill out another application giving income information.

CONFIDENTIALITY: School officials use the information on the application only to decide if your child should get free or reduced-price meals.

REAPPLICATION: You may apply for free or reduced-price meals any time during the school year. If you are not eligible now but have a change, like a decrease in household income, an increase in household size, become unemployed or get Food Stamps or AFDC for your child, complete an application at that time.

In the operation of the Child Feeding Programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age, or handicap. If you believe you have been discriminated against, write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced price meals, complete the application using the instructions for your household. Sign the application and return the application to the school. Call the school if you need help, 789-1400.

PART 1 - STUDENT INFORMATION: All Households Must Complete This Part.

(1) Print the name of the child you are applying for.

(2) List the child's grade and school.

PART 2 - HOUSEHOLDS GETTING FOOD STAMPS OR AFDC: Complete This Part and Part 5

(1) List a current Food Stamp or AFDC case number for the child.

(2) Sign the application in Part 5. An adult household member must sign. Skip Part 4 - DO NOT list names of household members or income if you list a Food Stamp or AFDC case number.

PART 3 - HOUSEHOLDS WITH A FOSTER CHILD: Complete This Part and Part 5 - A foster child is the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court.

(1) List the foster child's monthly "personal use" income. Write "0" if the foster child does not get "personal use" income. Skip Part 4 - DO NOT

Music Programs In Agawam Schools

The Agawam Schools offer a comprehensive program in music, and opportunities abound in both curricular courses and extra-curricular activities.

All students in elementary school receive music on a weekly basis as a regular classroom subject taught by a music specialist. The opportunity for chorus experience is available at the fourth grade level. String instrument instruction will be held after school this year.

At the middle school, classroom music continues to be offered to all students on a regularly-scheduled basis. Instruction of band instruments is started in fifth grade, with weekly lessons on a rotation schedule so that students do not continually miss the same class for instrument lessons. Full band rehearsals are also held for fifth grade members during school time on a weekly basis. Chorus and string ensemble also meet twice each week during school time. Sixth grade students in band, chorus, and string ensemble meet twice a week on a scheduled band period. In addition, band members also have a sectional practice for like instruments on a rotating period each week.

At the junior high, chorus and band continue on a twice a week scheduled period. Students not taking a performing group continue in classroom music instruction, and some type of music is required in both seventh and eighth grades.

Expanded opportunities are offered in chorus shows and jazz band at this level, and music groups may take part in some regional music festivals.

list any other children, household members or income.

(2) A foster parent or other official representing the child must sign the application in Part 5.

"Personal use" income is (a) money given by the welfare office identified by category for the child's personal use, such as for clothing, school fees, and allowances; and (b) all other money the child gets, such as money from his/her family and money from the child's full-time or regular part-time jobs.

PART 4 - ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS: Complete This Part and Part 5

(1) Write the names of everyone in your household, whether they get income or not. Include yourself, the child you are applying for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people in your household. Use another piece of paper if you need more space.

(2) Write the amount of income each household member got last month, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions, and other income. If any amount last month was more or less than usual, write that person's usual monthly income.

(3) An adult household member must sign the application and give his/her Social Security number in Part 5.

To Figure Monthly Income: Weekly x 4.33; Every 2 Weeks x 2.15; Twice a Month x 2.

PART 5 - SIGNATURE AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: All Households Complete This Part

(1) All applications must have the signature of an adult household member.

(2) The application must have the Social Security number of the adult who signs. If the adult does not have a Social Security number, write "none" or something else to show that the adult does not have a Social Security number. If you listed a Food Stamp or AFDC number for your child or if you are applying for a foster child, a Social Security number is not needed.

PART 6 - RACIAL/ETHNIC IDENTITY: Complete the racial/ethnic identity question if you wish. You are not required to answer this question to get free or reduced price meals. We need this information to make sure that everyone is treated fairly.

INCOME TO REPORT

Earnings From Work: Wages/salaries/tips, strike benefits, unemployment compensation, worker's compensation, net income from self-owned business or farm.

Welfare/Child Support/Alimony: Public assistance payments, welfare payments, alimony/child support payments.

Pensions/Retirement/Social Security: Pensions, supplemental security income, retirement income, veteran's payments, Social Security.

Other Income: Disability benefits, cash withdrawn from savings, interest/dividends, income from estates/trusts/investments, regular contributions from persons not living in the household, net royalties/annuities/net rental income, any other income.

Guidance Department

Students enrolled in the Agawam Public Schools, grades 5 through 12 have been assigned a guidance counselor. At the middle and junior high schools, students are assigned by grade level: **Grade 5 & 6—Mr. Thomas Dacey; Grade 7—Mr. Francis Meagher; Grade 8—Mrs. Jane Lucardi.**

Students at the senior high school are assigned to one of the following counselors: **Mr. Alan Cohen, Mr. Thomas Dacey, Mrs. Ann Marie Gould, Mrs. Judith Cohen, or Mrs. Jane Williams.** At all schools, any guidance counselor will assist your child if the need arises.

Counseling of students occurs on a regular basis and includes such areas as academic progress, individual programming, adjustment problems, career and vocational information, orientation of new students, and referrals of students with special needs. The counselors also arrange, administer, and interpret standardized tests. This information is available upon request.

Parents may request parent-teacher conferences, homework assignments during a period of absence, and progress reports. In addition, guidance counselors at the senior high school offer information concerning career planning, scholarships, financial aid, and college applications.

The guidance counselors sincerely encourage parents to avail themselves of these services and to contact the guidance counselors at any time concerning their children.

Chapter 2: Federal Block Grant

Under the provisions of the Education Consolidation and Improvement Act (ECIA), Chapter 2, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Education has approved a federal grant for the public schools of Agawam. The amount approved for 1996-97 is \$16,434.

The money will be spent to provide teachers with the materials and training necessary to ensure that the cooperative learning method in the classroom will be a successful endeavor. This will benefit students in grades 9-12. Continuation and integration of the whole language approach into the elementary curriculum, through purchase of materials and inservice for teachers, will benefit students from K-6.

The primary objective for the entire project is to provide tools and expertise to improve and enhance the classroom atmosphere and give students every opportunity to receive the best education possible.

Chapter 1

The school department has applied for and received approval from the federal government for a project to increase the educational opportunities of students with certain basic skills deficiencies. The amount of the grant is \$158,162.

This project, known as Chapter 1, provides extra reading and math instruction to those students who need the extra help in order to keep up with their classes. In order to qualify for funds, the individual schools as well as the school district must have a minimum percentage of educationally deprived students with educational needs.

A Parent Advisory Council (P.A.C.) meets monthly and is involved in all stages of planning, operating, and evaluating the program. Because of its close work with the schools, the council links the home and school enhancing opportunities for these students.

More than 200 students in grades 1-4 will receive extra assistance in math and reading this year because of this grant.

Day Care & Babysitting Information



When choosing a day care or babysitter for your school-age child, please remember that your child must attend the public school in the district in which you live, not the district in which the day care or babysitter is located.

Agawam Schools' Policy On Hazing

Chapter 536 of the Acts of 1985 (also known as Massachusetts General Law Chapter 269, Sections 17-19) is a new law which took effect on November 26th, 1985, reads as follows:

Chapter 269 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following three sections:

Section 17. Whoever is a principal organizer or participant in the crime of hazing as defined herein shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than 100 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

The term "hazing" as used in this section and in sections 18 and 19, shall mean any conduct or method of initiation into any student organization, whether on public or private property, which willfully or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health of any student or other person. Such conduct shall include whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the weather, forced consumption of any food, liquor, beverage, drug or other substance, or any other brutal treatment or forced physical activity which is likely to adversely affect the physical health or safety of any such student or other person, or which subjects such student or other person to extreme mental stress, including extended deprivation of sleep or rest or extended isolation.

Section 18. Whoever knows that another person is the victim of hazing as defined in Section 17 and is at the scene of such crime shall, to the extent that such person can do so without danger or peril to himself or others, report such crime to an

appropriate law enforcement official as soon as reasonably practicable. Whoever fails to report such crime shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.

Section 19. Each secondary school and each public and private school or college shall issue to every group or organization under its authority or operating on or in conjunction with its campus or school, and to every member, plebe, pledgee, or applicant for membership in such group or organization, a copy of this Section and Sections 17 and 18. An officer of each such group or organization, and each individual receiving a copy of said Sections 17 and 18 shall sign an acknowledgment stating that such group, organization, or individual has received a copy of said Sections 17 and 18.

Each secondary school and each public or private school or college shall file, at least annually, a report with the regents of higher education and in the case of secondary schools, the board of education, certifying that such institution has complied with the provisions of this section and also certifying that said school has adopted a disciplinary policy with regards to the organizers and participants of hazing. The board of regents and in the case of secondary schools, the board of education, shall promulgate regulations governing the content and frequency of such reports, and shall forthwith report to the attorney general any such institution which fails to make such report.

Chapter 766: Behavior Requirements For Agawam's Special Needs Students

All students are expected to meet the requirements for behavior as set forth in this handbook. Chapter 71B of the Massachusetts General Laws, known as Chapter 766, requires that additional provisions be made for students who have been found by an evaluation TEAM to have special needs and whose program is described in an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP). The following additional requirements apply to the discipline of special needs students:

1. The IEP for every special needs student will indicate whether the student can be expected to meet the regular discipline code or if the student's handicapping condition requires a modification. Any modification will be described in the IEP.

2. The Principal (or designee) will notify the Special Education Office of the suspendable offense of a special needs student and a record will

be kept of such notices.

3. When it is known that the suspension(s) of a special needs student will accumulate to 10 days in a school year, a review of the IEP as provided in Section 333 of the Chapter 766 Regulations will be held to determine the appropriateness of the student's placement or program. The TEAM will make a finding as to the relationship between the student's misconduct and his/her handicapping condition and either:

a) design a modified program for the student or
b) write an amendment to provide for the delivery of special education services during the suspension and any needed modification of the IEP relative to discipline code expectations.

In addition, the Department of Education will be notified as required by law, and the procedures promulgated by the Department of Education for requesting approval of the alternative plan will be followed.

Chap. 622: Prohibiting Discrimination Of Any Kind In The Public Schools

An important piece of legislation affecting the public schools was passed in August 1971. This law, Chapter 622 of the General Laws, Acts of 1971 is referred to as "An Act to Prohibit Discrimination in the Public Schools." The law reads:

"No person shall be excluded from or discriminated against in admission to a public school of any town, or in obtaining the advantages, privileges, and courses of study of such public school because of race, color, sex, religion, or national origin."

This law makes it clear that all aspects of public school education must be fully open and available to members of both sexes and of minority groups. No school may exclude a child from any course, activity, service or resource available in that public school because of race, color, sex,

religion, or national origin of such child.

On June 24th, 1975, the State Board of Education approved regulations for Chapter 622. These regulations address five areas of school policy: school admissions, admission to courses of study, guidance, content and extra-curricular, and athletic activities.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Chapter 622 and how it affects your children, please do not hesitate to contact your local principal or the superintendent of school's office. Copies of the law and the regulations can be obtained from the Massachusetts Department of Education, Instruction and Curriculum Services, 350 Main Street, Malden, MA 02148-5023. Telephone (617) 338-3300 Ext. 285.

Immunization Of Agawam Students

The School Immunization Law, a section of the General Laws, states that: "No child shall be admitted to school except on presentation of a physician's certificate that the child has been successfully immunized against Diphtheria, Pertussis (whooping cough), Tetanus, Mumps, Measles, Rubella, Poliomyelitis, and such other communicable diseases as may be specified from time to time by the Department of Public Health." Lead poisoning screening is also required.

Our school nurses are actively trying to have

the Agawam schools comply with the mandate by sending reminders to parents and guardians to update their children's immunizations during the summer months. It will be necessary to have all children fully immunized or in the process of immunization for attendance in school. The Health Department urges parents to take care of this requirement as soon as possible.

Please refer any questions to your school nurse, Department of Health office, or family physician.

School Cancellation / Delayed Opening

In case of inclement weather, closing of school or delayed opening, notifications will be given over WHYN, WMAS, WAQY, WNNZ, WPKX, WWLP, and WGGB. Please, **DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOLS OR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES.**

If there is school during bad weather, the FINAL

DECISION CONCERNING SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MUST REST WITH THE PARENT.

Children should be well-informed by their parents what they are to do in case school closes during regular school hours because of storm conditions.



The Athletic Dept.

Participation by a large number of students is what keeps Agawam athletics successful and competitive.

Athletic Director Kathleen McSweeney encourages girls and boys to participate in our interscholastic programs. As girls' programs have been traditionally under-represented in terms of numbers, she reminds any ninth through 12th-grade girls that we welcome and encourage them to go out for any of the high school teams.

Title IX Procedures Deal With The Issue Of Sexual Discrimination In School

Title IX is the portion of the Education Amendments of 1972 which prohibits sex discrimination in federally-assisted education programs. Specifically, Title IX states:

The governing regulations, effective July 21st, 1975, cover all aspects of sex discrimination in schools with regard to admissions, treatment of students, and employment.

The Agawam school system does not discriminate on the basis of sex. Any inquiries you may have should be brought to the attention of: **Mr. Donald J. Charest, Associate Superintendent, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030, Phone 789-1400, Ext. 433, or Mr. Thomas Habino, Director, Office for Civil Rights, JW McCormack POCH, Boston, MA, 02109, Phone (617) 223-9667.**

SECTION 504

Section 504 of U.S. Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is referred to as an "Act for Elimination of Discrimination on the Basis of Handicap in any School District Program or Activity Receiving Financial Assistance."

Section 504 requires that no otherwise qualified handicapped individual, shall, solely by reason of his handicap, be excluded from the participation in, denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity in the public schools.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS

Title IX and Handicap (Section 504)

Students 14 years of age or older, who feel their rights have been violated under Title IX or Handicap (Section 504), are to contact:

1. Associate Superintendent
2. Advisor for Office of Student Affairs at Agawam High School

If the grievance cannot be resolved by the Advisor for Office of Student Affairs, the following are to be contacted (in this order) to arrive at prompt and equitable resolutions of student's complaints charging violations of Title IX or Handicap (Section 504):

1. Guidance Counselor (in their building)
2. Assistant Principal (in their building)
3. Principal (in their building)
4. Superintendent of Schools
5. School Committee

Students under 14 years of age may have their parent(s) grieve on their behalf in writing to their building principal. If the grievance cannot be resolved by the building principal, the following are to be contacted (in this order) to arrive at prompt and equitable resolutions of student's complaints charging violations of Title IX or Handicap (Section 504):

1. Superintendent of Schools
2. School Committee

The Title IX coordinator will be available to assist all grievance committees in arriving at prompt and equitable resolutions of student complaints charging violation of Title IX or of Section 504.

High School Gym Lockers

Combination padlocks will be available for sale in the high school office for \$5 each. Locks will also be available on September 5th at a table to be set up in the cafeteria area during all lunches for the freshmen, and on September 6th for all upperclassmen.

Students who wish to secure their gym/athletic lockers are asked to purchase a lock early. Non-school locks will not be allowed. The purchased lock becomes the student's property and can be used throughout his/her high school career.

AHS Fall 1996 Athletic Schedule

JV/Varsity Field Hockey

Varsity Coach: TBA

JV Coach: TBA

Site: High School

- Sept. 10th: Southwick (Home - 3:15).
 Sept. 13th: Northampton (Home - 3:15).
 Sept. 20th: South Hadley (Away - 3:15).
 Sept. 23rd: Mohawk (Home - 3:15).
 Sept. 24th: Westfield (Home - 3:15).
 Sept. 30th: Longmeadow (Home - 3:15).
 Oct. 2nd: East Longmeadow (Home - 3:15).
 Oct. 4th: West Springfield (Away - 3:15).
 Oct. 7th: Minnechaug (Home - 3:15).
 Oct. 9th: Westfield (Away - 3:15).
 Oct. 11th: Southwick (Away - 3:15).
 Oct. 16th: Longmeadow (Away - 3:15).
 Oct. 18th: East Longmeadow (Away - 3:15).
 Oct. 21st: South Hadley (Home - 3:15).
 Oct. 22nd: West Springfield (Home - 3:15).
 Oct. 24th: Minnechaug (Away - 3:15).

Freshman Field Hockey

Head Coach: Jen Goodfellow

Site: High School

- Oct. 2nd: East Longmeadow (Away - 3:15).
 Oct. 18th: East Longmeadow (Home - 3:15).



Freshman Girls' Soccer

Head Coach: Lynda Kunasek

Site: High School

- Sept. 10th: West Springfield (Away - 3:30).
 Sept. 12th: Cathedral (Away - 3:30).
 Sept. 18th: Ludlow (Home - 3:30).
 Sept. 20th: Holyoke (Home - 3:30).
 Sept. 24th: East Longmeadow (Home - 3:30).
 Sept. 26th: West Springfield (Home - 3:30).
 Sept. 30th: Minnechaug (Away - 3:30).
 Oct. 2nd: Central (Away - 3:30).
 Oct. 8th: Ludlow (Away - 3:30).
 Oct. 9th: Westfield (Home - 4:00).
 Oct. 14th: Longmeadow (Home - 11:00).
 Oct. 16th: Cathedral (Home - 3:30).
 Oct. 22nd: Minnechaug (Home - 3:30).
 Oct. 23rd: Central (Home - 3:30).
 Oct. 24th: Westfield (Away - 4:00).
 Oct. 28th: East Longmeadow (Away - 3:00).

Freshman Boys' Soccer

Head Coach: Al O'Quinn

Site: High School

- Sept. 6th: Amherst (Away - 3:30).
 Sept. 11th: Cathedral (Home - 3:30).
 Sept. 13th: Longmeadow (Home - 3:30).
 Sept. 17th: Westfield (Home - 4:00).

- Sept. 19th: Minnechaug (Away - 3:30).
 Sept. 23rd: Ludlow (Away - 3:30).
 Sept. 25th: Central (Home - 3:30).
 Sept. 27th: West Springfield (Away - 3:30).
 Oct. 1st: Chicopee (Home - 3:30).
 Oct. 3rd: Holyoke (Away - 3:30).
 Oct. 7th: East Longmeadow (Away - 3:30).
 Oct. 11th: Amherst (Home - 3:30).
 Oct. 15th: Westfield (Away - 4:00).
 Oct. 17th: Minnechaug (Home - 3:30).
 Oct. 21st: Chicopee (Away - 3:30).
 Oct. 23rd: East Longmeadow (Home - 3:30).
 Oct. 25th: Holyoke (Home - 3:30).
 Oct. 28th: West Springfield (Home - 3:00).

JV/Varsity Girls' Soccer

Varsity Coach: Mary Murray

JV Coach: TBA

- Sept. 10th: West Springfield (Home - 5:00/6:30).
 Sept. 12th: Cathedral (Home - 5:00/6:30).
 Sept. 18th: Ludlow (Away - 5:30/7:00).
 Sept. 20th: Holyoke (Away - 3:30).
 Sept. 24th: East Longmeadow (Away - 3:30).
 Sept. 26th: West Springfield (Away - 5:30/7:00).
 Sept. 30th: Minnechaug (Home - 3:30).
 Oct. 2nd: Central (Home - 3:30).
 Oct. 4th: Chicopee (Home - 3:30).
 Oct. 9th: Westfield (H/A - 4:00/7:00).
 Oct. 11th: Wahconah (Home - 4:00).
 Oct. 14th: Longmeadow (Away - 11:00 a.m.).
 Oct. 16th: Cathedral (Away - 3:30).
 Oct. 18th: Chicopee Comp (Away - 3:30).
 Oct. 22nd: Minnechaug (Away - 3:30).
 Oct. 24th: Westfield (A/H - 4:00/7:00).
 Oct. 28th: East Longmeadow (Home - 3:00).

JV/Varsity Boys' Soccer

Varsity Coach: Dwight Northrup

JV Coach: Glenn Olsen

Site: High School

- Sept. 6th: Amherst (Home - 3:30).
 Sept. 11th: Cathedral (Away - 3:30).
 Sept. 13th: Longmeadow (Away - 3:30).
 Sept. 17th: Westfield (H/A - 4:00/7:00).
 Sept. 19th: Minnechaug (Home - 5:00/6:30).
 Sept. 23rd: Ludlow (Home - 3:30).
 Sept. 25th: Central (Away - 3:30).
 Sept. 27th: West Springfield (Home - 5:30/7:00).
 Oct. 1st: Chicopee (Away - 3:30).
 Oct. 3rd: Holyoke (Home - 3:30).
 Oct. 7th: Chicopee Comp (Away - 3:30).
 Oct. 11th: Amherst (Away - 5:30/7:00).
 Oct. 15th: Westfield (A/H - 4:00/7:00).
 Oct. 17th: Minnechaug (Away - 3:30).
 Oct. 21st: Chicopee (Home - 5:30/7:00).
 Oct. 23rd: Chicopee Comp (Home - 5:30/7:00).
 Oct. 25th: Holyoke (Away - 3:30).
 Oct. 28th: West Springfield (Away - 5:30/7:00).

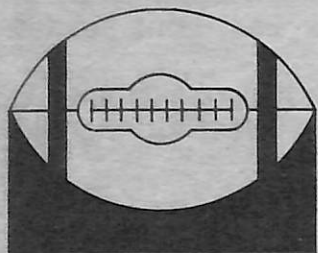
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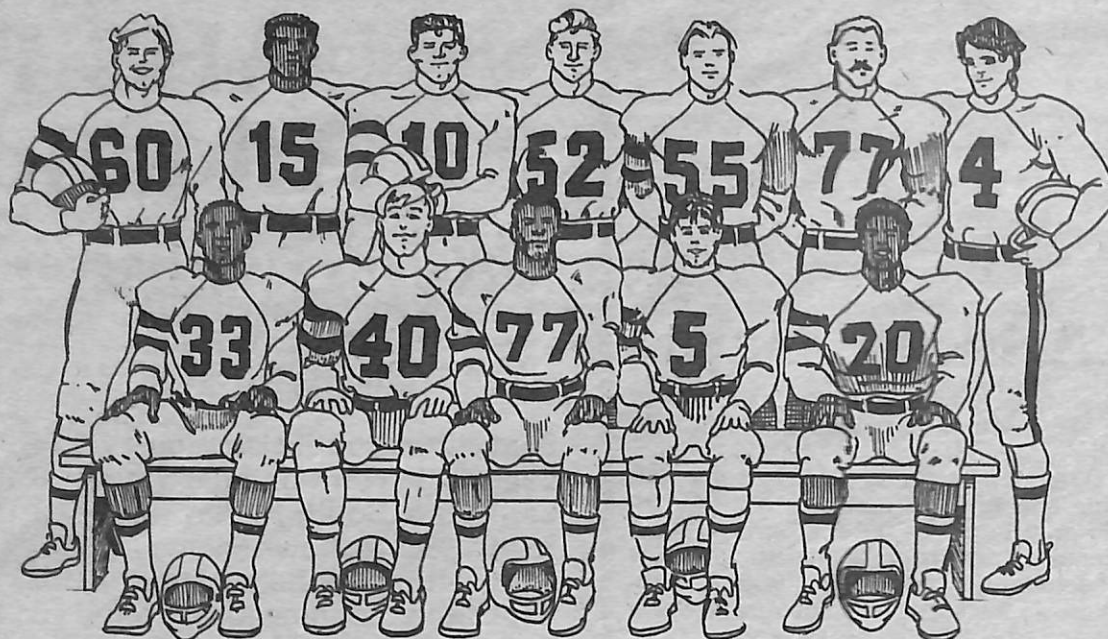
Coach: TBA
Site: High School

Sep. 27th: Gateway (Home - 6:00).
Oct. 2nd: Wahconah (Away - 6:00).
Oct. 9th: Minnechaug (Home - 6:00).
Oct. 16th: Pittsfield (Away - 6:00).
Oct. 22nd: Monument Mountain and Hampshire (At Monument Mountain - 6:00).
Oct. 29th: South Hadley and Chicopee Comp (At South Hadley - 6:00).
Nov. 6th: Amherst (Home - 6:00).
Nov. 13th: Westfield (Home - 6:00).
Nov. 15th: PVIAC (TBA - 6:00).
Nov. 22nd: Sectionals (TBA - 6:00).

**Freshman Football**

Head Coach: Kirk Parker
Assistants: Bill Haag & Dan Pryce
Site: Phelps School

Sept. 13st: Northampton (Home - 3:30).
Sept. 20th: Chicopee (Home - 3:30).
Oct. 4th: Minnechaug (Away - 3:30).
Oct. 11th: Holyoke (Home - 3:30).
Oct. 18th: East Longmeadow (Away - 3:30).
Oct. 25th: Westfield (Away - 3:30).



Nov. 1st: Central (Away - 3:00).
Nov. 8th: Cathedral (Away - 3:00).
Nov. 15th: Chicopee Comp (Home - 3:00).

JV Football

Site: Phelps School

Sept. 16th: Northampton (Away - 3:30).
Sept. 23rd: Chicopee (Away - 3:30).
Oct. 7th: Minnechaug (Home, Harmon Smith Field, High School - 3:30).
Oct. 14th: Holyoke (Away - 10:30 a.m.).
Oct. 21st: South Hadley (Home - 3:30).
Oct. 28th: Westfield (Home - 3:30).
Nov. 4th: Central (Home, Harmon Smith Field, High School - 3:00).
Nov. 11th: Cathedral (Home, Harmon Smith Field, High School - 11:00 a.m.).
Nov. 18th: Chicopee Comp (Away - 3:00).

Varsity Football

Head Coach: Dean Vecchiarelli
Assistants: Michael Birk, Curt Boyle, & TBA
Site: Harmon Smith Field

Sept. 13th: Northampton (Away - 7:00).
Sept. 20th: Chicopee (Away - 7:00).
Oct. 4th: Minnechaug (Home - 7:00).
Oct. 11th: Holyoke (Away - 7:00).
Oct. 18th: South Hadley (Home - 7:00).
Oct. 25th: West Springfield (Home - 7:00).
Nov. 1st: Central (Home - 7:00).
Nov. 8th: Cathedral (Home - 7:00).
Nov. 15th: Chicopee Comp (Away - 7:00).
Nov. 28th: West Springfield (Away - 10:00 a.m.).

Hydration Regs. For School Sports

The following guidelines shall be distributed to all coaches, student athletes, and parents as part of the normal sign-up process. All coaches shall discuss these guidelines with their student athletes prior to the beginning of the first practice/tryout session. All coaches shall encourage their student athletes to discuss these guidelines with their parents to insure proper pre-practice/tryout and post-practice/tryout hydration. The guidelines are broken down into the following three sections.

1. Coaches - Guidelines for practice/tryout session hydration.
2. Student Athletes - Guidelines for pre-practice/tryout, practice/tryout, and post-practice/tryout hydration.
3. Parents - Guidelines for pre-practice/tryout and post-practice/tryout hydration.

COACHES

1. During the hot summer months, practice/tryout sessions should be conducted during the cooler part of the day (early morning or early evening).
2. Student athletes should be allowed to acclimatize—coaches should start with light, short practices/tryouts with minimal gear and gradually work up to full-gear sessions.
3. Coaches should make every effort to limit practice/tryout sessions to two (2) hours or less. Multiple sessions are permitted during the same day if separated by six hours.
4. No student athlete in visible distress should be denied rest and/or water. Student athletes

should be encouraged to consume 8-12 oz. of cool water every thirty (30) to forty-five (45) minutes during practice/tryout sessions.

5. Coaches should not distribute salt tablets—student athletes need to replace fluid loss, not salt—a proper diet will replenish any salt loss.

STUDENT ATHLETES

1. Student athletes should wear light-weight, loose-fitting clothing to practice/tryout sessions.
2. Student athletes should **not** wear rubberized clothing or heavy sweat suits during practice/tryout sessions.
3. On hot humid days, student athletes should try to consume approximately two glasses of cool water two hours **before** practice/tryout.
4. Student athletes should try to consume 8-12 oz. of cool water every thirty (30) minutes **during** practice/tryout.
5. Student athletes should try to consume cool water as thirst demands during the two-hour period **after** practice/tryout.
6. Student athletes are encouraged to utilize cool water for the replacement of fluids. If electrolyte drinks are utilized, it is suggested that they be diluted with cool water to a greater extent than called for by the respective manufacturer.
7. Student athletes who are overweight and/or light skinned should be more careful as they are more susceptible to heat stress.

PARENTS

1. Parents should encourage their children to wear light-weight, loose-fitting clothing to practice/tryout sessions.

2. Parents should discourage their children from wearing rubberized clothing or heavy sweat suits during practice/tryout sessions.

3. Parents should encourage their children to consume approximately two to three glasses of cool water two hours before practice/tryout.

4. Parents should encourage their children to consume approximately 34 oz. of cool water during the two-hour period after practice/tryout.

All parties (coaches, student athletes, and parents) should watch for the following problems caused by the lack of proper hydration:

Heat Cramps

Symptoms: Characterized by cramping and severe muscle spasms.

Suggestion: Consume liquids and engage in gentle stretching of the muscle.

Heat Exhaustion

Symptoms: Characterized by extreme weakness, headache, dizziness or fainting, profuse sweating, cold and clammy skin, a rapid but weak pulse, and near normal temperature.

Suggestion: Call ambulance for transport to Emergency Room.

Heat Stroke

Symptoms: Warm/dry skin, lack of sweating, rapid and full pulse, high rectal temperature, serious disorientation, and unconsciousness.

Suggestion: **CALL AMBULANCE IMMEDIATELY!** Cool body by whatever means possible (e.g. hose, ice, water, cold shower).



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